



JUSTIN FASHANU

Fashanu, Bond here?

Norwich City stars Justin Fashanu and Kevin Bond are rumored to be coming to Australia to play as guests in Canberra and Melbourne.

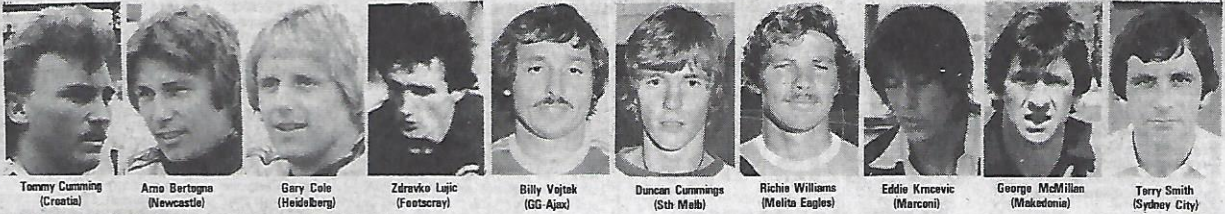
Moves are being made to secure the two players for the A.C.T.'s match against AC Milan in Canberra on May 21.

The A.C.T. certainly will need strengthening if it is to play without Canberra City PSL players, which is the plan at the moment.

Norwich City will tour Japan in May, and the A.C.T. will try to fly Fashanu and Bond over from there.

Meanwhile, Victorian State League club Frankston City will try to sign the two Norwich players for guest games. It has the necessary contacts, as Norwich midfielder Martin Peters guested with Frankston last season.

Stars in action as State Leagues take on PSL



Dragan Vasic heads home Footscray J.U.S.T.'s winning goal against Newcastle KB United at Western Oval. Vasic and fellow striker Zdravko Lujic pose a threat to PSL leader Heidelberg at Olympic Park on Sunday. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Heidelberg, Marconi in danger

Essendon Croatia and Heidelberg United, the 1980 Victorian Ampol Cup finalists, are rematched in the first round of the Philips Cup on Friday.

Croatia won the Ampol Cup, beating Heidelberg 2-1 in a final watched by 8,200 people at Olympic Park.

Carl Gilder and Ken Murphy (penalty) scored Croatia's goals and Jamie Paton replied for Heidelberg in the last minute of play.

Croatia also beat South Melbourne Hellas on the way to its Cup triumph, so it will try on Friday to prove that those wins were no flukes.

Once again, the game will pit two groups of

State team players against each other — Croatia's Tommy Cumming, John Gardiner, Carl Gilder, Noel Mitten, Steve Kokoska and Joe Tront against Heidelberg's Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansy, Yanka Banovic, Gary Cole, John Yzendoorn, Jim Campbell and Jamie Paton.

The other two Victorian Philips League clubs, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Hellas, have easier games. J.U.S.T. faces Green Gully Ajax, whose coach Bobby McLachlan coached J.U.S.T. for the latter half of last season. Ajax will try to blot out Zdravko Lujic and will rely on Bill Morrey, Willie Vassallo and Bill Vojtek to cause an upset result.

Star recruit Jimmy Dunne will be in defence for Ajax, but J.U.S.T. is by far the more talented team and should win easily.

The other game is no contest. Hellas will beat Frankston in a canter. Marconi was knocked out of the Cup by State League sides Sydney Croatia and Melita Eagles in past years. Marconi faces Melita again on Friday, and this time Melita is even better than it was last year.

Richie Williams, who transferred from Marconi early this season, will face his old club for the first time.

He's been scoring regularly for Melita and his talent, matches with that of Ray Farrugia and Don Allan, will present Marconi with a power of problems.

But Marconi won't fall again. Eddie Krncevic will see to that. Tasmanian champion Rapid West Point, under the astute leadership of player-coach Ken Morton, cannot be written off, even against opposition as tal-

Philips Cup first round matches and venues for Friday, with likely winners in capitals:

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE CITY v Mt Gravatt, Parry Park, 3 pm.
BRISBANE LIONS v Grange Thistle, Lions Stadium, 3 pm.

IN IPSWICH
Ipswich United v APIA-LEICHHARDT, Edde Vale, 3 pm

IN SYDNEY
SYDNEY CITY v Sydney Croatia, ES Marks Field, 3 pm.

BLACKTOWN v Sutherland, Gabbie Stadium, 3 pm.
ST GEORGE v Inter-Monaro, Barton Park, 3 pm.
MARCONI v Melita Eagles, Marconi Stadium, 3 pm.

IN NEWCASTLE
Edgeworth Eagles v NEWCASTLE KB UTD, McLaughlin Park, 2.30 pm.

IN CANBERRA
CANBERRA CITY v Croatia Deakin, Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.

IN HOBART
Rapid West Point v MAKEDONIA, South Hobart, 2.30 pm.

IN MELBOURNE
FOOTSCRAY JUST v Green Gully Ajax, Middle Park, 1.15 pm.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Frankston, Middle Park, 3 pm.
HEIDELBERG UTD v Essendon-Croatia, Olympic Park, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY v Enfield Victoria, Olympic Park Sports Field, 2.45 pm.
BEOGRAD v Cumberland Utd, Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.45 pm.

IN PERTH
Spearwood Dalmatinac v WEST ADELAIDE, Dalmatinac Park, 3 pm.
Second-round matches will be played on July 6, quarter-finals on August 3, semi-finals on August 31 and the final on October 12.

VFL shoulders arms and discards reason

There's talk that a prominent Australian Rules football official was horrified to find in a survey he conducted that more boys in Melbourne's western suburbs play soccer than "footy".



LAURIE SCHWAB

important football code in Australia.

Perhaps it was fear of soccer that caused the Victorian Football League to make the extraordinary decision which has forced Footscray J.U.S.T. off Western Oval after only two games there.

By any analysis, the decision is unreasonable. J.U.S.T.'s move to Western Oval was of financial benefit to the major tenant, Footscray Football

Club, which was to collect from J.U.S.T. rental of \$25,000 or 25 percent of net gate takings.

The agreement had the blessing of the Footscray Council, which is eager to get more use from the ground.

In other words, everyone concerned directly with the arrangement couldn't have been happier.

Then the VFL stepped in.

It ruled that VFL grounds must be available for Australian Rules at all times and cannot be shared with other codes without VFL permission. It is a policy decision that applies to all VFL clubs but the league admits that J.U.S.T.'s presence at Western Oval prompted that decision.

The question is: Would the VFL have taken such drastic action had it been a

hockey, lacrosse, baseball or rugby club that was sharing with the Bulldogs?

The VFL argued that in the course of its investigations, it found that the local Footscray District League wanted to use Western Oval for its match of the week every Sunday, and that the FDL should get preference over J.U.S.T.

But surely this was a matter for the Footscray Council to handle, for the council manages the ground.

And the council had not had an application from the FDL!

Furthermore, the FDL would not be able to complete its finals at Western Oval because cricket wickets are prepared at the centre of the ground from early September onwards.

Soccer can continue to be played after that date because the playing field is marked out to the side of the cricket wicket.

Another point raised by the VFL in its feeble attempt to justify a decision that easily could be seen as pure spite, is

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CZOLNOWSKI AIMS HIGH, STONE SWAP IS NOT ON

Zbigniew Czolnowski, 24, is trying to work his way into Marconi's PSL side through its First Division team.

Czolnowski, a forward or midfielder, played for Polonia Warsaw in the Polish Second Division.

He was in Austria for about 15 months before coming to Australia as a migrant.

He has been training with Marconi for four weeks.

Czolnowski is about 5 ft. 9 ins, fast and has excellent ball control.

Meanwhile, APIA approached Marconi with the proposal to swap its midfielder Peter Stone for Marconi stopper John Russell.

Stone apparently is unhappy at APIA but Russell is reported to be quite happy at Marconi, so the

swap is unlikely to go ahead.

Marconi's Tony Henderson, who has been out injured since the start of the season, has been training quite well and may get a run against St. George at the weekend.



**RALE
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Cozella has big future at Footscray

Footscray J.U.S.T. last week signed 16-year-old striker Bruno Cozella from State League club Altona City.

Cozella, who has played in Altona's senior team, will be blooded through J.U.S.T.'s Second Division side.

Its player-coach, Jim Krieris, said: "Bruno is an excellent player of tremendous potential."

"We see a big future for him."

J.U.S.T.'s PSL coach Rocco Ilie said he would use Cozella "as soon as possible".

CHALKITIS RESIGNS

Slavia has lost Harry Chalkitis as coach after two and a half years during which Chalkitis gave loyal service to the club.

Tony Vrzina has taken over the coaching position.

Chalkitis is interested in continuing his coaching career and can be contacted on 789 3229 A.H.

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HOW TO PRODUCE MARADONAS OF OUR OWN...

Parents constitute one of the biggest problems facing junior soccer.

When they watch soccer they see it as it was played perhaps 20 or 30 years ago when they were young enthusiasts back home in England, Holland, Italy, Greece or Yugoslavia.

Even then they probably were not involved directly in the sport.

Lack of understanding is reflected not only on the sidelines of junior soccer games, but also on the terraces at senior games. Even at national team matches, the crowd applauds and criticises at the wrong times.

But back to juniors — another basic problem hampering development is the size of pitches on which young fellows are expected to play.

Is it fair to expect boys of eight, nine and 10 to play on full-sized pitches? And is it fair to put a little boy in a goal so big that he can't reach the bar even when he's standing on a chair?

What's the point even trying to save a high shot? These are aspects we have to look at closely when we compare our junior set-up and development with that of other countries.

Parent interference encroaches further than the touch-line. They try to ram their views down the coach's throat and, when the boy gets older, they intervene in the club's contract dealings with him.

Clubs are professional organisations — the top clubs, anyway.

If such a club asks a youngster to sign a contract, he should be happy about it and at the same time he should be happy enough to allow the club to make money on him if he wants to transfer.

After all, if the club does not recognise him in the first place, he is not a marketable product.

But only players produced by a thorough, professional coaching programme can be expected to have a professional attitude once they are contracted.

Only the system can produce the star.

Diego Maradona of Argentina is one example of such a product. He emerged from the Argentinian team that won the World Youth Championship in Japan last year under coach Luis Menotti but by that time, Maradona and his team mates had been well and truly through the mill of junior coaching.

The key to producing good young players is to have only qualified coaches teaching them.

People without a coaching certificate should not be allowed to handle kids.

If a parent, for example, takes over a junior team without having had any experience in this line of work, he will do the players more harm than good.

It may take time for this to be possible. Unfortunately, we have not utilised the 100 years of Australian soccer well enough.

We've had the time to develop sufficient coaches qualified to teach our kids but unfortunately we haven't done so.

We now have an incredible number of kids playing soccer all over the country, but that in itself is not enough.

From the masses we must take quality and work on developing that quality to the highest possible level from many different angles.

Coaching of juniors is becoming much more complicated than coaching seniors.

To illustrate this, let me give you a few samples of how leading European nations work at junior coaching. Children from 8 to 10, for example, have three 60-minute training sessions every week.

Training times in other age groups:

10-12 years: 4 x 60 mins
12-14 years: 4 x 60 mins and 2 x 45 mins.

14-16 years: 4 x 90 mins. and 2 x 60 mins.

16-18 years: 4 x 90 mins. and 4 x 40 mins.

There is no championship series for boys from 8 to 10. The 10-12 age group plays perhaps 20 friendly matches a year.

Competition starts in the 12-14 age group, with 25 to 30 hour-long matches a year.

This figure is increased to 40 to 48 league games for the 14-16 group.

Length of games is extended to 90 games for 16-18 years but the number of games is cut back to 30 or 40.

All this may scare parents and others involved in the sport.

However, ask the average boy how long he spends watching television every day, and he'll tell you at least two or three hours a day.

Wouldn't it be of more value for him to get out into the fresh air to do sport, to look after his body and mind and become a good sportsman which, in turn, will help him also to be a good student?

Also, more and more schools and colleges are participating in their own soccer competitions, and many set

aside training sessions. In this way, the boys get closer to their weekly training target.

Content of training sessions is even more important than time devoted to them.

For the 8-10 age group, 75% of the session should be direct match involvement, 5% basic preparation and 20% general preparation.

By basic preparation I mean exercises to develop speed and explosive power.

And general preparation refers to increasing aerobic capacity — general fitness.

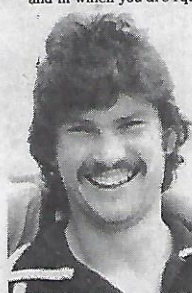
In future columns I will outline recommended training programmes for each age group in a general way. I would like players to compare this with what they are doing now.

In conclusion, I remain convinced that we have the necessary talent in Australia, but that these talented young players are not working hard enough and are not working under sufficiently qualified guidance.

The young Australian sportsman usually is involved in too many sports to do justice to one — especially soccer, which unfortunately has not achieved the glamor of some of the others.

If boys are going to play more sports in addition to soccer, I advise that these should be correlated to soccer.

In other words, there should be aspects about these sports that are useful to the boy's soccer activities. Such correlated sports include handball, basketball, volleyball, even squash in which you need fast reflexes and in which you are required to make fast turns.



Graham French



Chris Kent

French 'sets standard'

Hakoah (Vic) President Dennis Krongold is ecstatic about the form of striker Graham French.

"The sky's the limit for Graham in 1990," he said.

"I never have seen him look so sharp. In fact he is my tip for the leading scorer award this year."

"We have rounded off a two-year program with one of the strongest squads on the league."

"When Graham first came here we was at a different level than many of our players but through expert coaching we have been able to raise our standards to his level and he will benefit as will Hakoah."

"All our players are settled and keen and I believe we have developed the spirit and motivation that were lacking."

So watch out for Hakoah this year.

With Ian Gibson back in form and Mike Loh returning from injury, the depth of talent is great.

Recruits Ted Bannon and Chris Kent will further strengthen the team and add to the mounting pressure on the present players to perform well. — CRAIG MACKENZIE



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Back-stabbing's over - now it's down to business

If Inter Monaro were the only soccer club in the world, I would quit the sport.

The three years I had with the Queanbeyan club were brilliant, I really enjoyed it, but I couldn't believe the amount of back-stabbing that went on when I decided to try my luck in the PSL with Canberra City.

You wouldn't believe the fighting involved! The ASF and the NSW federation were not much help either.

The Inter committee and supporters were annoyed and the club was obsolete towards Canberra's terms.

I was confused and sickened by the whole affair and I was glad to get away to the PSL.

Things are certainly different now and it is great to be back in my home town.

It is the home town crowd that makes the club so good.

The atmosphere here is tremendous, probably because we are the only big club in Canberra.

Unlike players at other clubs, we at Canberra float about mixing with our supporters, and this is why we have their backing.

Sure, we have our rules but they are flexible enough to allow us to mingle. This creates a friendly feeling by all concerned.

Being a Canberra boy myself has added to the way in which I have settled at the club.

At first it was hard because Walter Valeri and I were under tremendous pressure to play well.

Canberra had just paid a huge amount of money for two untried PSL players and the psychological pressure was enormous.

If we didn't play well in the first couple of weeks then we were in trouble.

I was lucky enough to grab a couple of goals early and this eased the strain.

I just wish I had come here earlier but when I had the chance, John Warren, the coach at the time, seemed to have the attitude that we should go to them rather than Canberra chasing us.

But the club has sorted out its player problems now and I am glad to be a part of it all.

Thanks to Vic Fernandez,



By Sebastian Giampaolo

On the Ball

The Player's Viewpoint



We have been moulded into a good team.

Vic is excellent with the players. He is one of the boys off the field while being a hard task master as well.

He is so professional in his outlook that it can't help but rub off on the players.

He criticises and sometimes abuses us but it all sinks in and we benefit, along with the club.

Vic was under pressure early to prove his ability by getting results and I think things are really looking up for us now.

I don't want to sound too optimistic but we are very confident of making the top four and we will be in trouble if we don't.

We have tremendous depth in our squad. The only problem we have to overcome is our lack of consistency.

We have yet to see the best of Tony Brennan but when he hits his straps the other PSL clubs had better watch out.

Walter Valeri and I had built up a good understanding at Inter and it is great to play alongside someone who knows where you are, on or off the ball.

Walter loves shooting and he has a keen goal sense.

I tip him to be the top scorer within the club and to be a leading contender for top scorer in the PSL.

I am of course excited about being on the fringe of selection for the national team and the possibility of getting to Spain in 1982 is the number one thought on my mind.

I can remember playing for the Australian C team against Newcastle United and I well remember the heartbreak involved.

I should not have played as I was injured but I didn't want to miss the opportunity to do well.

Consequently I had a terrible trial and I thought I would have to wait a long time before I would get a second chance.

I will not make the same mistake twice.

I have trained only once in the past four weeks due to an injury to my left leg and unless I am 100% fit I will miss the training camps organised by Rudi Gutendorf.

It will shatter me if I don't get a place in the squad but I will not blow my chances for all time by playing with an injury.

You know, it is funny to be talking about possible national team selection when I think back to my introduction to soccer.

When I was 12 years old I was literally dragged to watch a game before I developed an interest in soccer.

Had it not been for that incident I would probably have played another sport and soccer would have gone out of my mind forever.

I went through the mill, from the amateur ranks through to senior level.

I should make mention here of the most important influence in my career, a man by the name of Laurie Pastrello who is tops in my book.

Laurie took me out of the amateur ranks in Canberra and gave me my start with Inter.

Unfortunately he too fell by the wayside as far as Inter was concerned and it was Laurie who told me to do something with my life and give the PSL a go.

I owe him a lot and still see him regularly.

He is very pleased to see the success I am enjoying at present.

But that doesn't last forever.

Let's be truthful, you get what you can while you can. Ten years may be the span of my earning power as a soccer player so I am going to make the most of it.

I just hope that when that time is up I can see some improvement in the administration of Australian soccer.

The ASF, PSL and the State Federations should do some-

thing quickly to improve their communication and break their prejudices.

Imagine the ridiculous situation whereby a private entrepreneur can make a mint out of tours by overseas teams.

Obviously the federations are getting their cut from the entrepreneur. The only people missing out are our players.

Unless we get together we will all go downhill.

The improvement in the playing standard is miles ahead of any improvement in administration.

But this is not my biggest gripe just now.

The thing that bugs me the most is injuries. I just can't stand missing a game. It sickens me to watch the other blokes out there and I have to wait for my chance.

Perhaps I may receive a few injuries this year from the way defenders are treating me.

Because Walter and I have knocked in a couple of goals we are getting some heavy attention now, similar to what I think happened to Marconi's Peter Sharpe.

He's probably in the same boat, for he too is fast and the physical stuff is an attempt to slow you down.

When I was 15 years old I broke my leg and I don't want to go through that again.

Still, soccer is my love. In fact I'd be lost without it.

Suddenly I am in the lime-light and I am still adjusting to it.

It will taper off soon and I must learn to accept things as they are.

I am just wrapped to be back where I belong - back home with Canberra City.

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Culina for Juve?

Unsettled Croatia player, Branko Culina, watched Juventus train last week and expressed his desire to join the black and whites.

It is understood Culina's future was discussed at last week's committee meeting at Croatia and an announcement is expected shortly concerning the possible Juve move.

The only hitch may be the price put on Culina's head.

CROWD WATCH

Philips League round seven attendance: 25,179.
Corresponding figures in past seasons: 1979 - 24,678; 1978 - 31,862; 1977 - 27,202.

Total so far for 1980: 190,937 (Rd. 2 match Footscray v. Canberra yet to be played).
Corresponding totals for previous years: 1979 - 226,288; 1978 - 226,706; 1977 - 213,115.

Attendance breakdowns for Round Seven last Sunday and in previous seasons:

	1979	1978	1977
Blacktown v. Syd. C.	(1-3) 3054	(0-0)	(0-0)
Canberra v. H'berg.	(0-1) 6100	2128 (1-2)	5300 (2-2)
St. George v. Brib. L.	(2-3) 2094	1876 (1-1)	4953* (2-2)
APIA v. West Adel.	(2-0) 2682	6281 (1-0)	3164 (0-1)
Adel. C. v. Marconi.	(0-1) 4800	7800 (2-4)	5000 (4-0)
Footscray v. Newc.	(2-1) 4015	1200 (2-0)	3000 (0-1)
Brisb. C. v. 5th Melb.	(0-1) 2634	2500 (1-0)	3000 (3-1)

* Double-header.
NOTE: Where no official attendance figures are released, the figures are estimates by "Soccer Action" correspondents.

Deans quits, Evans in strife

Dixie Deans of Adelaide City returns to Scotland for family reasons this week. He is not expected to return.

He is one of two former British stars who hit the headlines during the week.

The other is Alan Evans who lost the South Melbourne Hellas captaincy in disciplinary action taken against him by the club.

Deans, 33, one-time star striker of Glasgow Celtic, was PSL top scorer with 16 goals in 1977, the first year of the league.

He has scored 31 goals in league, Cup and total four games for Adelaide City.

Evans was accused by Hellas coach John Margaritis of not trying hard enough in the 1-0 victory over APIA at Middle Park.

He was removed from the captaincy and dropped from the squad to meet Brisbane City last Sunday.

The committee was angry because Evans gestured at the crowd when it booed him during the APIA game.

Meanwhile, Adelaide City has released forward Vic Smythe only a few months after having signed him from Azzurri.

PSL STANDINGS

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SYDNEY CITY.....	2	1	0	10	2	3	0	1	8	4	18:6	11
MARCONI.....	2	1	0	15	2	2	1	1	5	4	20:6	10
STH MELBOURNE..	1	1	1	2	2	3	0	1	6	2	8:4	9
Brisbane Lions.....	2	0	1	5	3	2	1	1	8	7	13:10	9
*Footscray JUST..	3	0	0	10	5	0	2	1	4	7	14:12	8
*Canberra City.....	1	0	3	3	6	2	0	0	9	1	12:7	6
Adelaide City.....	1	2	1	4	2	1	0	2	5	4	9:6	6
Newcastle KB.....	1	0	2	1	7	1	2	1	5	5	6:12	6
APIA-Leichhardt.....	2	1	1	6	8	0	0	3	0	3	6:11	5
West Adelaide.....	2	1	0	6	3	0	0	4	3	15	9:18	5
St. George BSC.....	1	0	3	5	12	1	0	2	6	9	11:21	4
Blacktown City.....	1	1	2	6	9	0	0	3	3	18	9:27	3
Brisbane City.....	0	1	3	2	5	0	1	2	1	7	3:12	2

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

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LAUMETS (1) (Hellas)

HAZABENT (1) (J.U.S.T.) P. BANNON (2) (Heid.) BERTOGNA (1) (Newc) TANSEY (1) (Heid.)

J. CAMPBELL (2) (Heid.) BARNES (3) (Syd City) O'DONNELL (1) (APIA)

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THIS WEEK'S VOTESAPIA-LEICHHARDT 2 WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Lam-
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Dempsey 7, McAusland 6 — Stone 6, McGinn 6, O'-
Donnell 8 — Morsello 6, Pirie 6 (Samuels 7, half time),
O'Connor 7.WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7 — McKie 6, Forde 6,
Maricic 6, Bozanic 6 — Manecas 7, McGachey 7, Kou-
lianos 6 — Norris 6, Koamina 7, Honeyman 6.ADELAIDE CITY 0 MARCONI 1 at Olympic Sports
Field. Ratings by Meno Toutsidis:ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8 — Dodds 7, Jones 8,
Besir 7, B. Nyskohus 8 — Melta 7, Perin 7, R. Russell
7 (Marocchi), Muniz 7 (Muir) — Northcote 8, J. Nys-
kohus 7.Marconi: Maher 8 — Brogan 8, Prskalo 8, J. Russell
7, Degney 7 — Byrne 8, Raskopoulos 8, Lindsay 7 —
Jankovics 7 (Cant), Krncevic 6, Sharne 8.BANKERRA 0 HEIDELBERG 1 at Bruce Stadium,
Ratings by Peter Windsor:CANKERRA: Wilson 6 — Moulis 6, Milovanovic 8,
Stark 8, Williams 8 — R. O'Shea 8, Cole 7, J. O'Shea 8
— Brennan 7 (MacLaren 8, 52nd), Valeri 7, Giampaolo
7.HEIDELBERG: Banovic 8 — McMillan 8, Yzendoorn
8, P. Bannon 9, Tansey 8 — Campbell 8, Selemidis 7,
Rooney 8 — Cole 7, Paton 7, Boziskas 7.FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 NEWCASTLE KB UNITED
1 at Western Oval. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:FOOTSCRAY: Boland 9 — Hazabent 8, O'Reilly 7,
Rujovic 6, Petrov 6 — Ilioski 6, Picioane 6 (Simic
79th), Jovanovic 6 — Vasic 6, Bolic 8, Lujic 6 (Kon-
darios 88th).NEWCASTLE: Preston 6 — Reaney 8, Drinkwater
8, Bertogona 9, Curran 6 — Cowburn 7, Mason 6
(Sneddon 84th), Jones 6 — Kamasz 8 (Summerscales
34th), Trenter 6, Deakin 6.ST. GEORGE 2 BRISBANE LIONS 3 at St. George
Stadium, ratings by Tom Anderson.ST. GEORGE: Smith 6 — Hadley 6, McIntosh 5, Ut-
jesenovic 5, Terry 6, Kay 6, Katholos 6, Mihajlovic 6
(Sub Barton 60th) — Duarte 7, Beggs 7, Cotton 7.BRISBANE LIONS — Scanlon 7 Wilson 7, Bennett
8, Hermiston 7, Niven 7 — Hogg 7, Lindsay 8, Reid 7
(sub Spearritt 57th) — Ontong 9, Millman 7, Vorveij 7
(sub McGregor 57th).BLACKTOWN 1 SYDNEY CITY 3 at Gabble Sta-
dium, Ratings by Roger Sherack.BLACKTOWN CITY: James 8 — Harris 7, D. Camp-
bell 7, Turnbull 7, Pointer 8, Hormazabal 6, Harding 8,
Ortega 6, Izatt 6, Amey 6, Hunter 8 (Pollard 78').SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Spanos 8, O'-
Connor 8, Bruce 7, Stevenson 7, (Marcos Silva 82')
Watson 8 (Souness 75'), Barnes 9, Boden 6, Smith 7
Silva 7.BRISBANE CITY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 at
Perry Park, Ratings by Bruce Waddell.CITY — Coe 8, Perry 7, Potter 9, Ratcliffe 9,
Wilkinson 6 — Gaffney 7, Tripp 7, Low 7 (Brussaco
64th) — Palinkas 6, Kolsa 7, Caldwell 6 (Confessore
75th).SOUTH MELBOURNE — Laumets 10, V. Bannon 7,
Lutton 9, Xanthopoulos 9, Kalefatidis 8 — Davidson 7,
Christopoulos 7, Rogers 7 — Buljevic 6, Campbell 7,
Cummings 7.8.3 Barnes (SC), Kondarios (Foots), Cole (H'berg),
Laumets, V. Bannon (SM).

8.2 Mullen (SC).

8.0 Pointer (Black), Bennett, Hermiston, Millman,
Hogg, Scanlon (BL), Giampaolo, Milovanovic (Can),
Dando, Reaney (Newc), Watson (SC).7.9 Tansey, Campbell, Rooney (H'berg), Maher,
Sharne (Marc).

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No takers for the big bluff

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that J.U.S.T. was to pay "only" \$25,000 for ground rental, yet Footscray Football Club pays something like \$115,000. Yet, as Cr Bob Hall, the chairman of the ground management committee, points out, J.U.S.T. had Western Oval only on Sunday afternoon every second week, whereas Footscray FC also trains there and has the ground at its disposal at all other times. Proportionately, J.U.S.T.'s rental — in terms of return for money — actually was higher than that of Footscray.

Footscray Football Club was disappointed by the VFL's ruling — understandably so, for it had made a deal with J.U.S.T. and now had to go back on its word.

However, as president Charlie Sutton said, Footscray is part of the VFL, and must abide by the VFL's decisions.

Theoretically, the council could have told the VFL to go pump, and kept J.U.S.T. on at Western Oval.

However, it took note of a Minister of Lands determination that guarantees Footscray FC unrestricted use of the oval from April to September every year.

Allowing J.U.S.T. to play there every second Sunday afternoon would not constitute a restriction of Footscray's

use of the ground, but the council was not prepared to go to court and argue the point.

In promising to enforce its policy decision, the VFL went as far as threatening no longer to recognise Western Oval as a VFL ground if J.U.S.T. continued to play there.

Someone should have called the bluff. It would have been interesting to see the VFL trying to justify something like that.

Footscray Council remained helpful throughout the mess. It made sure J.U.S.T. could play one more match at Western Oval while an alternative ground was found.

And it was negotiating to get J.U.S.T. onto the Yarraville VFA Australian Rules ground. Yarraville, with its good grandstand and licensed social club, would make an ideal venue for J.U.S.T.

Alternatively, J.U.S.T. could move to Olympic Park or Middle Park where, however, it would have to play on Saturdays.

Meanwhile, Footscray Football Club is \$25,000 poorer and the VFL has lost much of the respect it may have commanded among the Europeans of the western suburbs, soccer people in general, and fair-minded people everywhere.

H'berg, J.U.S.T. in local derby

Round eight of the PSL appears to be a home team delight with the most interesting clash taking place at Middle Park between Hellas and visitor Canberra City.

The Melbourne derby between Heidelberg and Footscray JUST should determine the extent of Footscray's reputed improvement.

The expected attacking nature of the Middle Park battle should entice a huge crowd and the visitors will not disappoint them.

Canberra is fast establishing itself as an attractive attacking side whether at home or away and Hellas defenders Vince Bannon, Arthur Xanthopoulos and Alan Davidson will have to play out of their skins to contain the free scoring City forwards.

Hellas is capable of holding Canberra at bay and, providing George Campbell and Duncan Cummings get the service their fine talents deserve, the local team should record its best win of season 1989.

A few miles away JUST will look to the speedy Zdravko Lujic and the unpredictable Dragan Vasic to find a way through a tight Heidelberg back four led by John Yzen-dorn and Paddy Bannon.

The midfield battle will be intriguing as United's Jimmy Rooney is undoubtedly one of the finest in the land and if JUST's Slobodan Jovanovic can maintain his current form he may well enter the Rooney category.

Heidelberg cannot afford to take JUST lightly and the result could be close, with United maintaining its drive

towards the PSL championship.

Gerry Chaldi's West Adelaide may be on the road to recovery and two points here are a must.

Brisbane City's David Ratcliffe may be assigned the task of covering Wests' former Australian international, John Kosmina.

Ratcliffe's eagerness to push forward may leave the visitors exposed at the back and test City sweeper George Potter.

With the support of Graham Honeyman, Kosmina may be the focal point of a home team victory.

Four Sydney teams play against each other in two games that should see the elite of the PSL, Sydney City and Marconi, come out on top.

Struggling APIA should be no match for the classy City boys, keen to repossess their crown as Australia's premier team.

Marconi will be without the versatile Bertie Mariani, recovering from a gashed leg, but St. George seem incapable of stifling Roberto Vieri's supply to team mates Eddie, Krncevic, Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne.

In Newcastle, the local team will have to start satisfying its discerning fans with improved performances.

Newcastle's coffers should have been stretched to the limit to keep ace striker Ken Boden, now a vital part of Sydney City's machine.

Local coach Alan Vest is unhappy with the lack of finances to compensate for Boden's loss but the pressure on Vest may be eased at the expense of Adelaide City.

The weekend's matches with likely winners and previous results:

IN MELBOURNE
HEIDELBERG v Footscray at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Heid 2-0, 3-1, 1978 - Heid 2-1, 1-0, 1979 - Heid 2-1, 2-2 Advantage: Heid 4 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, goals: 11-6.

SM. HELLAS v Canberra at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Hellas 2-0, 1-1, 1978 - Hellas 3-0, 0-0, 1979 - Canb 3-2, 0-0. Advantage: Hellas 2 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, goals: 8-4.

SYDNEY CITY v Leichardt at ES Marks Field Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - SC 3-0, APIA 3-2.

MARCONI v St. George at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Marc 3-1, 0-0, 1978 - StG 2-1, Marc 2-1, 1979 - Marc 2-1, 1-1. Advantage: Marconi 3 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, goals: 9-6.

IN ADELAIDE
WEST ADELAIDE v Brisbane City at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - BC 1-0, 3-3, 1978 - WA 1-0, 2-0, 1979 - Brisb 2-0, WA 2-1. Advantage:

CRAIG MACKENZIE

ge: West Adelaide 3 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses, goals: 8-7.

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE LIONS v Blacktown at Lions Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. No previous results.

IN NEWCASTLE
NEWCASTLE v Adelaide City at International Sports Centre, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1978 - 2-2, 1-1, 1979 - 0-0, 0-0. No advantage.

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especially playing at home. Dalmatinac is coached by Ivan Piki, former star centre forward of Footscray J.U.S.T. and his great knowledge could inspire his charges to a surprise victory.

Sutherland Shire finished ahead of Blacktown City in third place on goal average last season. Blacktown now is in the Philips League and it'll be interesting to see whether its new status carries any weight on the playing field against its old State League rival on Friday.

Sutherland, of course, is not as strong as it was last year due to the loss of Peter Beggs to St. George and Craig Hall to Canterbury-Marrieville, but it will fight tooth and nail for the prestige of knocking off a PSL opponent.

Sydney Croatia, the 1979 State League champion which

boasts a Cup victory over mighty Marconi, will try to repeat the feat by downing Sydney City.

APIA-Leichhardt faces a largely unknown challenger in Ipswich United, and so it can't be complacent. APIA's form hasn't been world-shattering

Cup holder Adelaide City, which beat St. George 3-2 in last year's thrilling final, will have an easy passage into the next round. It faces State League team Enfield Victoria.

Both Brisbane PSL clubs should get through without much trouble. Newcastle and Canberra are assured of victories and St. George should beat Inter-Monaro which is only a pale shadow of the team it was with Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo.

And in one of only two pairings between State League teams, Boegrad's aces should make a mess of Cumberland United. — LAURIE SCHWAB



Dragan Vasic



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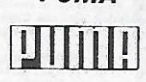
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MARCONI 1

Goal - Bobby Russell (AC) 21st minute.
Weather: Warm and overcast.

Cautions: Dodds (Adel. City), Byrne, Praskin (Marconi).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: 4600.

Marconi took a significant step towards retaining its PSL title with a dull, uninspiring 1-0 win over nemesis Adelaide City at Olympic Sports Field.

A 21st minute own goal by Bobby Russell gave Marconi the points.

It was easily the poorest game between the two clubs in Adelaide since the PSL began. Marconi came to Adelaide determined not to concede a goal while Adelaide City simply didn't have the attack to breach Marconi's defence.

Dixie Deans' sudden departure to Scotland made a big difference. While the mercurial Scot had not been playing his best in recent weeks, he was of immense value to City on the ground and would have been just the man to fire up his team mates against Marconi.

The game offered little entertainment and only the dynamic runs of Petr Sharne excited the crowd.

Eddie Krncevic failed to score for the first time this season and spent a frustrating afternoon with Mark Jankovics who eventually was replaced.

However, Jankovics smashed a great 18-metre volley against the post just before his departure and was responsible for the only goal of the match.

Sharne mis-kicked from 15 metres and the ball ran to Jankovics who hit a firm shot into Bugsy Nykhus.

The veteran defender attempted to clear but succeeded only in smashing it into Bobby Russell who watched the ball trickle over his goal line.

Johnny Nykhus had a chance to equalise almost immediately but Allan Maher made a great save.

Sharne should have put Marconi further ahead in the 31st minute after tearing past the defence but John Besir intercepted a side-footed pass to Jankovics.

Marconi began the second half with Krncevic mis-kicking from 18 metres.

City had a great chance to equalise in the 57th minute when Nykhus sent a pass across the goalmouth only to be blocked by the line.

Both teams made substitutions in the 62nd minute - Jim Muir and Gary Morocchi (Adelaide City) coming on for Sergio Melia and Bobby Russell, while Marconi coach Les Scheffling sent for Canberra player Jim Cant to replace Jankovics.

The City substitutions made little difference, although Muir's height proved menacing.

Peter Raskopoulos, who had a great battle in midfield with Brian Northcote (City's best player), provoked a great save from Marshall when he streaked in from the right and hit a furious shot.

City's frustrating afternoon would have looked a lot brighter if Nykhus had accepted an 86th minute gift.

The little forward intercepted a backpass only 15 metres from goal, but hesitated and was easily brushed off the ball by marauding Marconi defenders.

Roger Sherack



Barnes again

BLACKTOWN CITY 1
SYDNEY CITY 3

Ground: Gable Stadium
Crowd: 3054
Referee: Tim Davies 7
Yellow cards: Hornesabai, Mullon.

Sydney City played some fine attacking soccer in the first half to go 3 goals up and suggest yet another humiliating defeat was on the way for Blacktown City.

Chances came thick and fast for this Sydney City side and if they were converted the first innings by the Bondi team would have been declared well before lunch.

Eddie Thompson, the Slickers coach, complained after the match about his star player, John Stevenson.

Stevenson hit a screamer from any side of the park and score a goal, but today, a few metres away from goals and he couldn't pot them.

Indeed, Stevenson missed a sitter, but so did Watson, Silva and Boden and I am sure that Thompson will have a few words to say to his players after this particular encounter.

Sydney City came to Blacktown as favourites and soon showed why.

Kenny Boden rounded Pointer in the tenth minute to pave the way for a goal scored by Terry Smith.

In the 32nd minute City went further ahead through a Barnes header that hit the crossbar and rebounded to Boden who headed from close range to make it 2-0.

Minutes later, Murray Barnes scored from close range to make it 3-0 and despite the earlier misses it appeared that the visitors would cruise to a big win against the home side.

However, Blacktown City came back to score through Jan Hunter close to half time.

Todd Clarke and Steve O'Connor challenged Izatt for the ball which bounced away from the trio to Jan Hunter who had the simplest of tasks to push it into the net.

On his display, Jan Hunter was yet again the home side's hero as he turned on a gutsy second half performance to lead his team into attack.

With David Harding almost at his best Hunter had the support he needed to come forward and worry the Slickers defence.

For almost 30 minutes in this half, Blacktown shaded the Slickers and with an ounce of luck could have forced a draw.

One must applaud the determination and fighting spirit of this Blacktown side that never refused to say die and fought hard to come back from the brink of disaster to a reasonable loss against one of the best sides in Australia.

When Jan Hunter left the pitch with some 15 minutes to go, the home team was left without its most dangerous forward and Sydney City came back to assert its supremacy yet again.

Blacktown had its best players in James, Campbell, Harding and Hunter, while Slickers had their best in Spanos, O'Connor, Watson and surely the man of the match Murray Barnes.

Barnes is consistently getting among the best on the park and is sharing the honours as the top scorer of Sydney City with Kenny Boden.

With five goals to his name he is fairly close to the leading goalgetter and is among the top contenders for Rudi's team to play England in the Centenary match.

Tom Anderson



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ST. GEORGE 2
BRISBANE LIONS 3

Scorers: Duarte 24th (St G), Lindsay 58th (BL), Ontong 70th (BL), McGregor (BL) 79th, Cotton 89th (St G).
Ground - St George Stadium
Weather - Fine. Crowd - 2094.

Referee - R. Warren 8.

The only conclusion one can now come to about St George is that it is about to announce a new club motto.

And in preparation for this announcement the Saints are performing accordingly.

Although I have yet to receive confirmation on the matter, I am convinced that Saint's new motto will be - "It is far more blessed to give than to receive."

For in their last three home games, the Saints have been the best "givers" in the business.

In fact they have handed goals and points on a silver platter to every team visiting their magnificent stadium at Barton Park.

This was one game that Saints should have won, had they any idea of the fundamentals of defensive play.

They were a goal up at half-time after Denis Duarte had scored a fine goal in the 24th minute.

At this stage Lions looked a beaten team and all Saints had to do was to tighten up at the back.

For some inexplicable reason they failed to do so and once again lost the game.

They also lost the sympathy of most of their loyal supporters, who up until now have stood behind this young team.

Lions are not a positive or attacking team by any stretch of the imagination.

In defence they are well drilled and can play the spoiling game to perfection.

Lions are rather amazing, when they do come out and have go in attack they look pretty good.

Mind you, anybody would look good against this Saints defence.

Lions revival, helped by Saints' non-defensive play, was spearheaded by the fast and enthusiastic Paul Ontong.

Ontong ran his heart out and this was rewarded by a fine goal in the 89th minute when he scored.

Lions' other goals were scored by Gerry Lindsay in the 58th minute and substitute Tom McGregor in the 79th minute.

Saints' other goal, the best of the match, was scored by Roy Cotton in the 88th minute when it was all over bar the shouting.

Saints' trouble was that their defence is just not marking and there is no communication between the players.

Mind you, a great deal of the trouble also comes from the midfield where Saints' inexperienced players are also not marking.

These youngsters look good in attack and when they are in possession of the ball, but when it comes to picking up a man when the opposition has the ball, they are nowhere in sight.

This is the hard part of football and obviously the part these youngsters do not want to know about.

Saints' coach Raul Blanco will have to educate the youngsters quickly, or the consequences will be grave for Saints.

Having players who will not mark closely and do the hard work off the ball is a luxury he cannot afford.

Ted Smithies



Wests lack penetration

APIA LEICHHARDT 2
WEST ADELAIDE 0

Ground: Lambert Park.
Goals: O'Connor, Samuels.
Referee: 2682.
Yellow cards: H. Witschge 7.
Referee: H. Witschge 7.
Yellow cards: Honeymann 43', McGachey 78'. Red cards, nil.

Leichhardt at last gave its sponsors Mr Jucy something to cheer about in scoring its first win since the announcement.

The win however was not as impressive as the scoreline suggests.

Had coach Willie Wallace, who was absent for medical reasons, been able to view the game, he would surely have been disturbed by Leichhardt's inability to put more goals on the board.

Leichhardt generally dominated play for most of the game.

A true reflection of the extent of this dominance can be seen in the corner count which favoured Leichhardt on almost a 2 to 1 ratio overall and 5 to 1 for the first half.

Leichhardt can thank Brian O'Donnell for much of its dominance.

He appeared to carry the ball on his own and was the originator of many attacking raids.

Many Leichhardt attacks came via the left flank and this was how the first goal was scored.

It came in the 7th minute of the match when Marsello received the ball on the left and simply knocked it across for Phil O'Connor at the right post.

O'Connor was presented with an open goal and coolly chipped the ball into the net.

Leichhardt continued to dominate and produced many half chances, the type which should have been taken out was not.

Peter Stone, the player who had promised so much, could not find his true form. He did a bit early in the first half but failed and missed two sitters which would have wrapped the game up by half time.

If Leichhardt was struggling, West Adelaide was floundering.

The forwards, particularly Kosmina, were left stranded and seemed to be playing a game apart from the rest of the side.

West Adelaide managed only one or two shots in the junior first half which caused Greg Woodhouse any concern.

For the second half Bill Pirie was replaced by Mark Samuels who turned in a good performance.

In this half West Adelaide rallied and with the score at 1-0 it looked for the first 15 to 20 minutes as though it might be able to salvage one point.

Good chances came in the 48th and 56th minutes.

First came when Vic Bozanovic shot from just outside the area, Woodhouse did not take the ball cleanly and Leichhardt's supporters were gasping in the ensuing scramble.

The second chance came following a free kick taken on the left flank. Woodhouse came off his line but misjudged the flight of the ball and another goal mouth scramble followed.

Any hope of a West Adelaide revival was put to death when Leichhardt made it 2-0 in the 73rd minute.

O'Donnell crossed from the left and found Samuels well positioned in the area. Samuels did not waste the opportunity and blasted the ball past Martyn Crook.

Laurie Schwab



Bertogna, Belic!

FOOTSCRAY JUST 2
NEWCASTLE KB 1

Scorers, Footscray: Lujic 35th, Vasic 80th; Newcastle: Trentor 29th.

Ground: Western Oval.
Crowd: 4015.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Cautions: Trentor (Newc).
With World Cup and world youth championship matches due next year, this rather disappointing match was salvaged by the fine performance of Arno Bertogna and Vlatko Belic.

Bertogna's progress has been remarkable. Recruited from Perth Azzuri just over a year ago, he now ranks as perhaps the most important man in the team. He started the game as a full back, went to centre back, then to midfield, and even played as striker two weeks ago.

With Bill Summerscales still injured he came on as a fourth forward very late in the game, Bertogna filled the stopper's position against Footscray.

Aware that this is the one position in the national team that is not yet filled, Bertogna gave it all he had. He was a commanding figure, the backbone of his defence, the strong man who also pushed his team forward.

Belic is one of the biggest successes of Footscray's new coach Rocco Ili. Sunday's match showed Belic well in his only valuable J.U.S.T. player, but also a key man in the Australian team which will compete in the Coca-Cola world youth championship next year.

He started off marking Mark Trentor, who was back after suspension, and also pushing up as a midfielder when J.U.S.T. had the ball.

He did the job very well but after Trentor had put Newcastle into the lead, Belic was pushed up to the centre forward position to prevent Roy Drinkwater from continuing to build up Newcastle's game from the back.

Belic kept Drinkwater busy by challenging for every ball in the middle and was unlucky to miss with a good shot after a fine short through ball from Dragan Vasic.

Footscray's explosive attacking power was stifled because of the lack of a central striker.

At the other end, Mark Trentor and Dave Deakin toiled away without setting up a goal, each of the two way twin strikers are supposed to. Only once did they combine effectively - Trentor heading the ball square to Deakin who headed into the goal.

However, Deakin had hoisted himself up on Mirko Rujovic's shoulders, so referee Chris Bambridge disallowed the goal.

Whatever danger Newcastle did pose to Footscray was provided by the crosses of Dave Kamenar, who took full advantage of slack marking by Chris Petrov. Those Kamenar crosses worried Jim O'Reilly and Mirko Rujovic but most were blocked by the defence.

Footscray's midfield was puzzling, to put it as accurately as possible. Zoran Ilioski appears to be playing himself into better form, but Slobodan Jovanovic's work-rate was much lower than it had been in previous matches.

Joe Piccione ran his heart out and did a few brilliant things but then spoiled it all by holding the ball too long and attempting senseless dribbles in the second half when he had exhausted himself.

To make up for the erratic midfield, Footscray at least had right back Igor Hazabent pushing up industriously on the flank, while tending to his defensive duties as well.

Ili's substitution of Piccione with Paul Simic proved to be the match-winning move. With his first kick, Simic played a well-directed cross to the far post where Dragan Vasic outjumped Col Curran and headed the ball past Jim Preston with ridiculous ease for the winning goal, 10 minutes from time.

Trentor's opening goal was scored in a break. Boland had to dash out to the edge of the penalty area, where Trentor headed past him.

For the equaliser, six minutes later, Boland sent a free kick from inside the goal area, to the opposite penalty area, where Lujic raced onto it.

Peter Windsor



Easy, says Bannon

CANBERRA CITY 0
HEIDELBERG 1

Scorer: Campbell.
Referee: Peter Rampley 7.
Weather: Overcast, warm.
Cautions: Bozakis, Yzen-doom, yellow cards.
Crowd: 6,135.

Lacking method and cohesion, Canberra City allowed Heidelberg's defenders all the time in the world to play the ball, and so the league leader coasted to a 1-0 victory.

It was a dismal performance from Canberra before a solid, 6,135 crowd despite an overcast afternoon.

For Heidelberg it was a far easier victory than expected.

Evergreen captain Pat Bannon summed up his team's feeling with: "We didn't expect to win so easily."

"Canberra has a fast forward line and once we went ahead we expected them to come charging at us."

"They didn't."

"They gave us plenty of time - and frankly it suited us down to the ground."

Bannon said he could understand Canberra's fans booing what they thought were Heidelberg's time-wasting, second-half tactics.

"But now, in retrospect, I think they'll blame Canberra," he said. "We were content to take our time... and they gave us that time."

Bannon and co-player-coach Jimmy Rooney deserve congratulations for the precision and understanding shown by Heidelberg.

But as Bannon readily admitted it is a defence that virtually came to life after Canberra's time-wasting since the PSL began.

And it was not a side that cost a fortune.

Canberra started well and in the first 15 minutes and twice Yakkia Banovic made good diving saves from shots by Tony Brennan and Walter Vasic.

But then, against the run of play, Heidelberg went ahead. First Canberra allowed veteran Soccerro Jimmy Rooney to run almost the length of the park and eventually to get in a finely-placed centre.

Canberra's goalkeeper Richard Wilson mis-timed it and only parried the ball back into the goalmouth.

It bobbed around like a cork in water before coming to the right-hand side and to the boot of Jimmy Campbell who squeezed it past the post in the 26th minute.

Canberra never recovered from the goal.

Some players lifted their game and played very well.

One - despite a heavy first-half knock when a desperation tackle forced Gary Cole to blast over the bar - was Mike Milovanovic and another second-half replacement forward Don MacLaren.

Others were John O'Shea brothers John and Robert - with Roy Stark always reliable.

But Canberra's usually prolific goalscoring forwards could not find their way past Heidelberg's rugged, hard-tackling defence.

At no time were they allowed time to show individual artistry.

Tim Tansey, Arthur McMillan, Bannon and John Yzen-doom all tackled first-time - and hard!

Now Canberra, after having got fans back on benches in their hundreds, could lose much of its games so quickly.

Its next game in Friday's Phillips Cup encounter with local side, Croatia-Deakin.

This they should win - in a canter. Failure wouldn't be tolerated.

Bruce Waddell



Saved by Laumets

BRISBANE CITY 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE 1

Scorer: Cummings 72nd.
Ground: Perry Park.
Weather - fine and mild.
Crowd - 2634.
Referee - Lorenc.
Cautions - Low, Ratcliffe (BC).

It now seems as if Brisbane City is destined to occupy the bottom of the PSL ladder, following another wretched result, a 1-0 loss to South Melbourne in a scrappy and often ill-tempered match at Perry Park.

Overall the match was a poor spectacle in regard to footballing skills although there was a tremendous amount of excitement generated by a series of thrilling goalmouth incidents and fierce personal battles.

South Melbourne did not really play much better than City, but did just what every other team is doing to City this year, biding its time and waiting for a stupid defensive error to clinch the vital goal.

This time it fell to Duncan Cummings in the 72nd minute after first Kevin Caldwell and then Joe Palinkas gave the ball away to set South Melbourne on the attack, and when a mis-timed clearance from Billy Wilkinson fell to Cummings, he squeezed it past. Martin Coe just inside the post.

Once again City had many fine goalkeeping opportunities, which time and again it squandered with the South Melbourne defence in various degrees of disarray.

And any time City did manage to get close to finding the target, the agile figure of Peter Laumets stood in the way. Without doubt he played a commanding role in the victory and emerged the man of the match.

Coe decided not to be left out of the picture by producing an equally eye-catching effort, nudging an Alan Davidson shot, which took a deflection, over the top.

Three successive corners midway through the first half again placed severe strain on the South defence, but all held firm, as usual, with the solidity of Laumets a vital factor.

In the 29th minute, Arthur Xanthopoulos had to assist Laumets in a dangerous situation when Caldwell crossed well and he shot at the top of the goalmouth. South Melbourne was denied its best first half chance in the 35th minute when Coe just managed to tip a Billy Rogers cross onto the top of the bar.

Nearing half-time, Palinkas broke through the middle for City but yet again the diving figure of Laumets saved the day.

Only 13 minutes into the second half, Cummings headed goalwards and had only Coe to beat when Ratcliffe lunged in to block his shot. He earned a yellow card but must certainly save a goal.

Other individual feuds during the match involved Caldwell and Vince Bannon and Butovic and Ratcliffe.

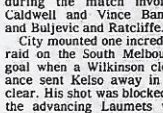
City mounted one incredible raid on the South Melbourne goal when a Wilkinson clearance sent Kelso away in the clear. His shot was blocked by the advancing Laumets who then chased Kelso in search of the loose ball to the edge of the box.

However Laumets made it back into the goalmouth and City then had at least three shots charged down.

Some of the South Melbourne players admitted after the match that the side was not playing well. "We played a lot better last season but could not get off the bottom of the table," said George Christopoulos.

Is exactly what is happening to the beleaguered City at the moment and it seems there is no immediate respite in store.

It was disclosed before the match that City secretary Guido Canale had left for London the day before. It seems he has gone either to hurry up the arrival of Scots Jack Whiteford and Bobby Harding or to try to lure Frank Pimblett back.



George

West signs Chris Key

West Adelaide has signed South Australian State forward Chris Key from the Victoria club.

He is the eighth player signed by coach Gerry Chaldi since he joined West from Sydney City.

Key is expected to play in the Phillips Cup match against Dalmatian in Perth on Friday.

Meanwhile, striker Graham Norris is back after a short

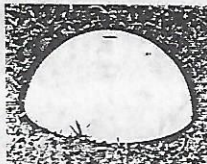


George

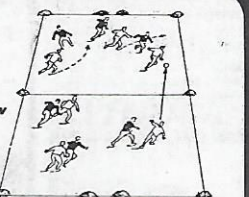
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Ron reckons Lions will nip the Bergers' bums

Brisbane Lions star Ron Millman reckons he's "a pretty boring sort of bloke really."

He must mean opposition defenders get bored watching Ron whizz past them and crash the ball into the back of the net.

Take a look at 'Soccer Action's' JAT Player of the Year ratings and marvel at the ability of a 29-year-old who had been relegated to the backwaters, able to perform with distinction in the top level of his country's soccer.

Lions could have plucked Ron Millman straight out of a C.J. Dennis chapter. Perhaps Ron is a direct descendant of 'The Sentimental Bloke.'

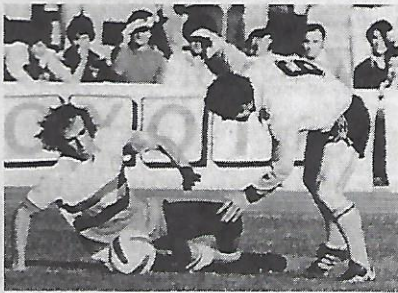
In his distinctive Queensland drawl, Ron reckons he's dead lucky to be still playing.

"I was on the verge of giving the game away you know, because I reckoned I'd nothin' to offer anymore," he said.

"The Phillips League is great, you know. It gave me a chance to prove myself, and flying to the game makes you feel kind of special, like you really are playing against the best we've got."

Ron and Lions coach Matt Carson enjoy a relationship akin to Nottingham Forest's

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Ron Millman (left) does battle with Heidelberg's Jimmy Rooney

John McGovern and manager Brian Clough.

"I'm just a Matt Carson player. I guess, because we've been together at Meriton Souths (South Side Eagles) and now at Lions."

"Wherever he goes I follow, that's just the way it is."

Ron is down-to-earth about the possibility of national team selection. "It's pretty hard to get recognition in Queensland, particularly national honours. For years South Australia was the only state that we played against, he says.

"We got told that the other States were neglecting us and that our people were trying to arrange interstate games but no-one bar S.A. was interested."

"Like every other bloke, I'd dearly love to play for my country but I reckon at 29 I might have missed the boat. "All I can look forward to now is for Lions to do well."

"It would be a great achievement for us to make the four this year."

"I know we started badly but in training games we didn't concede a goal."

"We'll get it together, don't worry about that, and I'm looking forward to playing against Heidelberg United 'cos I reckon we'll give 'em a big fright up here."

Ron Millman revels in the derby atmosphere of a game against arch rival, Brisbane City.

"The rivalry between them and us goes as far back as 1970 when we were called Hollandia and they were Azurri."

"We were always up there against each other at the death and that rivalry has carried over into the first division (PSL)."

"It's more important for them to win because they're basically an Italian club and their supporters are a pretty fickle lot, you know."

"If they're winning, everything is fine but if they're losing, the Italians don't turn up to the games."

"We're really a Dutch club, I suppose, and we get a fair few supporters as well."

"These 'fair few supporters' must be happy when they see the current form of Ron Millman."

It may have been the backwaters in the past, but it is centre stage now for Ron Millman, with the spotlight firmly fixed on this mercurial veteran who is carrying the mantle of Queensland soccer throughout Australia and proving week by week that the 'banana benders' can mix it with the best in the land.

Blood by the buckets, but let's keep it quiet

Man the barricades! Soccer's civil war has erupted again!

The apparent peace within the ranks in the past few years now appears to have been not much more than just a truce — and a rather truculent one at that.

Play of it all is that the rhetoric flying back and forth between the Australian Soccer Federation and the PSL, the PSL and the NSW Federation, the ASF and the NSW Federation and even within the PSL, has managed to make its way to centre stage at a time when the actual quality of soccer is showing promising signs of improvement.

Naturally, soccer's bureaucrats and autocrats are doing their level best to mute the level of dispute and argument.

Sadly, the best solution in their opinion seems to be the application of a 'gag' on all dissenting opinions.

The motto is: "Keep it out of the Press, and maybe it will go away!"

Let me assure those who are still willing to listen: Your problems will not go away without comprehensive and sensible solutions.

Let us examine some of the recent ruckuses and their underlying causes.

Take, for instance, the PSL — Australian soccer's great hope and problem child.

The truth is that the league's "founding fathers", in their eagerness to finally get the project off the ground and out of the pigeon holes, took what they were offered by the national body — and therein lies the current problem.

The PSL is like certain rare species of bird life, able to survive indefinitely but without the ability to take wing and soar to great heights.

Its wings are clipped, its very existence dependent on the dubious goodwill of admin-

IN FOCUS

By Peter Scott



istrators representing State Federations whose own vested interests are directly opposed to those of the PSL.

After all, who had most to gain out of Sydney Olympic's reversion to State League ranks?

If you need an answer just look at the NSW State League's crowd figures in recent weeks.

So what is the solution to this dilemma?

All I can say is that, hopefully, among the PSL leadership there are men (or women, wouldn't that be nice?) who are good poker players.

Because, I am afraid that if in the present confrontation they fail to carry the occasional bluff with flair, or "blink" first, the future for the PSL is rather bleak.

An immensely worrying recent development in this deteriorating situation is the verbal skirmishing between a number of PSL club presidents and the league's management. How can the showcase competition of Australian soccer prosper and grow when even its members are not united?

Conversely, sweeping the problems under the proverbial rug will not solve them.

However, all the impassioned pleas for freedom of movement would sound a little more convincing if this commendable virtue were upheld throughout the game.

The uncomfortable truth is that some of the PSL clubs still are run on something resembling ancient hereditary lines, or as the hobbies of well-heeled individuals.

This brings us to the heart of the matter.

It is senseless to make study trips to the USA and other corners of the globe, coming back full of oohs and aaahs

about their set-ups, unless there is a parallel willingness to recognise that success comes to those who run soccer clubs like businesses.

With the yearly expenditures of many of the clubs in the \$250,000 to \$350,000 region, it is inexplicable that this isn't being done as yet.

Even more amazing is the fact that these horrendous sums are expended in many cases without the members of those clubs having any sort of an effective say in club policies and by this I do not mean the selection of players for the teams.

In some instances the final — and virtually only — say on such matters is the apparent exclusive preserve of one or two individuals.

Then there is the case of the PSL manager, John Frank.

John must have what is the most unenviable job in Australian sport.

He is no more than a vehicle for the dissemination of the opinions and decisions of the club presidents and the management committees.

He has no real power, on the pattern of the Commissioners of the American professional sports leagues.

He can recommend, try to influence, but cannot make real and far-reaching policy decisions while acting within clearly defined guidelines.

Thus he ends up as the fall guy in instances such as the recent rap on the knuckles handed to proud and often totalitarian presidents of certain clubs.

Getting away from the PSL, the national body is in no better shape.

It appears that while chasing the elusive dream of international kudos, such as juicy vice-presidencies of FIFA, the lifeblood of the game, its local showpiece, the PSL, has been either ignored or at best badly neglected.

We still have the farce of State bodies administering the national affairs with the thought of their own little leagues uppermost in their minds.

This is how a highly (very highly!) placed official of the NSW Federation could recently tell amazed and flabbergas-

ted journe that his reason for opposing the PSL's proposed Youth League was that "originally we told them they can only run one competition."

Now if that isn't an expert answer, which takes into account all of the implications, benefits and possible spinoffs of such a league then I don't know what is!

Kidding aside, such people still manage to get themselves re-elected year after tedious year, and we wonder what is wrong with soccer in this fair land?

Just a footnote to the ongoing farce of international tours of Australia.

Do you know why Yugoslavia isn't coming for our centenary?

Because it is going on a prestigious tour of Brazil, that's why!

Hasn't anyone in the ASF ever heard of contracts, and the principle of not trumpeting possible tours until the visitors actually sign on the dotted line?

I am reminded of one of my unfortunate friends in the sixties who was such a keen supporter of this great game that, upon hearing of a "confirmed" tour of Australia by Peru he actually postponed his wedding date, which would have clashed with the match in Sydney.

Cynical and hardbitten readers of "Soccer Action" will not be surprised to hear that the tour never eventuated.

What will surprise them is that the aggrieved lass was still willing to marry my conrite friend.

Alas, I doubt if any soccer fan, however keen, would be likely to take tour organisers' word for anything nowadays.

And even if they did, would Northern Ireland, of all teams, be really worth having irate in-laws on your hand for years after?

BAARTZ QUILTS UNITED

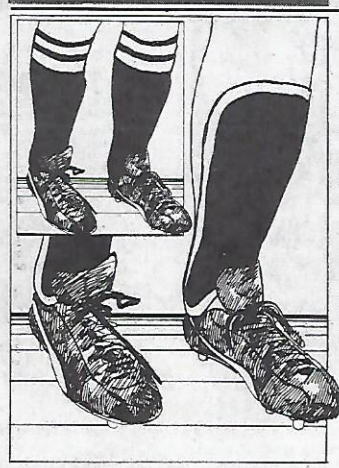
The secretary of Newcastle KB United, Paul Trisley, has announced that the Board of Directors had accepted, with considerable regret, the resignation of Ray Bartz as a director of the club.

Mr Trisley said that Bartz had advised the club that his resignation was prompted by personal, family and business reasons.

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CRUCIFIXION OF OLYMPIC CONTINUES

"A bloody disgrace" is the only way I can describe Sydney Olympic's omission from this year's Phillips Cup.

Why Olympic has been left out is just one more of the incredible happenings that presently characterise Australian soccer.

At the end of last season, Olympic was relegated even though it did not finish on the foot of the PSL ladder. By all rights and by a fair standard the team that should have been relegated was South Melbourne Hellas which finished a poor last. Anyway, that's old hat now and the dastardly deed has been done.

But it seems the crucifixion of Olympic continues. Why this is happening is beyond me, for Olympic would have been a boost to the Phillips Cup.

Look at its record this year: it has won the Ampol Cup and at present heads the Coca-Cola State League undefeated.

Its home crowds are better than a number of PSL clubs and its social club is booming. What more can Olympic do and what more is wanted by the powers that run the Phillips Cup?



TOM ANDERSON

It is little wonder that Olympic president John Constantine and his hard-working committee are seething.

Constantine is doing everything possible to build a strong Olympic team and indeed has done just this.

The club's finances are stable and it is on a better footing now than for many a year. And still Olympic continues!

to get kicked in the teeth by officialdom. Not only is it grossly unfair, it's ludicrous.

The legendary Sir Stanley Matthews will run a series of coaching classes in the Sydney, Newcastle and Canberra areas next week (see also page three).

Matthews also will kick off the PSL clash in Canberra on

May 4 between Canberra City and West Adelaide.

During the past two weeks Matthews has been in Queensland conducting junior coaching sessions and making public appearances.

He is still the great personality he was when he was playing.

It came as sad news to hear that my old buddy Ray Baartz

had resigned as a director of Newcastle KB United.

The reason for Baartz's resignation was given as personal, family and business reasons.

Who am I to argue with this? But one thing is sure, Newcastle KB United will be much the poorer without Ray Baartz on the board.

Here is a man who lives and breathes Newcastle. For me he was one of the biggest influences in the club's conception.

He is a young man who had a big future in the game as an administrator.

Somehow, I have a feeling that Baartz's departure from

the Newcastle scene is only a temporary one.

I think that like General McArthur, he will return after a slight wind of change blows through the corridors of the Newcastle club.

Neither Harry Cavan, the president of Northern Ireland, nor the secretary, Billy Drennan, will accompany their team here in June for the series against the Socceroos.

Cavan and Drennan will stay at home in view of the European championships and an international committee meeting in Belfast.

I hope their team remembers to come.

Krynski gets 3

The challenge by Polonia for entrance to the State League continued at the expense of Norrie Davy's Dandenong City.

Polonia striker Ted Krynski is in devastating form and celebrated the second round of matches with a superb hat-trick.

Park Rangers and Morwell Falcons seem to be resuming hostilities of previous years.

Morwell pulled off a coup with the signing of Andy Savage from Frankston City last Friday.

Savage supplements a squad that should carry the Falcons to great heights this year.

Frankston Pines keep rolling along, right over the top of anyone who gets in the way.

Prahran City was the most recent recipient of Pines power, folding to the tune of two all.

Former Wilhelmia stalwart Nick van Egmond carried Morrongton to the top of the fourth division table.

Sandringham City yielded two points and leader status in a game that brought together the two most experienced keepers seen on a Fourth Division ground, van Egmond and Sandy's John Kennedy.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Maribyrnong 5 (Krynski 3, Lalic 2), Dandenong 2 (Waldy, Holcombe).

MARIBYRNONG: Ozelskowi, Rachowski, Herman, Gawlik, J. Dimitrov, R. Liparski, A. Czupnik, P. Capnik, L. Kryniski, Pichner.

DANDENONG: Davies, Gunn, Bray, Parker, Danilov, Hughes, Fox, Young, Waldy, Holcombe, Dannelly.

Before the game started a minutes silence was observed by players and spectators as they marked the death of dedicated Polonia members, Marlon Zarzycki, Wladyslaw Lipski and Edward Stal, all of whom recently passed away.

BOX HILL 2 v. ALTONA GATE 1

SCORERS: Box Hill: Rae, Taylor. Altona Gate: Baznovski.

BOX HILL: Morgan, B. Roadhouse, G. Lesovcic, S. Taskalidis, J. White, S. Sherman, G. Valentin, T. McLeod, T. Rae, B. Cundo, T. Taylor, B.

ALTONA GATE: Dimitrievski, B. Trankaski, J. Serovski, G. Kotovski, T. Krasinski, T. Presburi, B. Velkanovski, G. Gelsvski, B. Skarvis, G. Masalovski, G. Baznovski, S. Sekalovski, S.

BEST PLAYERS: Box Hill: Rae, Taylor. Altona Gate: Baznovski, Presburi, Trankaski.

DOVETON 2 (Bentley, Fakos) NORTHCOTE CITY 0.

DOVETON: Ivanoff, Merrick, Cooke, Thurlow, McCarville (sub Collyer 70th), Fakos, Campbell (sub Rodrick 50th), Bentley, Irvine, Cherie, Quinn.

BEST PLAYERS: Ivanoff, Bentley, Cooke.

RICHMOND 0 v. ALBION ROVERS 3

SCORERS: Stevens, D'Sylva 2.

RICHMOND: Munch, Brazil, Arantz, Skinner, Kuping, Wallace, McCarthy, O'Connor, Curcija, Staumbeinger, To-palski, Res, Warner, Mason, Kiss.

ALBION: Johnston, Gatt, Howe, Gondok, Nisbet, Reilly, Stevens, Mack-ay, McIntyre, D'Sylva, Saliba (Stewart 65 min).

BEST PLAYERS: RICHMOND: Skinner. ALBION: Johnston, Nisbet.

The Victorian Leagues

DIVISION TWO

DONCASTER ROVERS 1 v. PARK RANGERS 2

SCORERS: Doncaster: Tom Szatili. Park Rangers: McLeod, F. 2.

DONCASTER: Lawton, Rankin, Hughes, Teer, Hall, Szatili, Willenberg, J. Humble, I. Humble, Anselma, Hibbit, Casson, Barmeroglou, Allen.

PARK RANGERS: Vassiliou, Stuart, Ashton, Scott, Parsons, Runc, Spalding, McLeod, Duggan, McElhinney, Har-graves, Monteith, McCormack, Browne.

BEST PLAYERS: Doncaster: Ansel-man, Hall. Park Rangers: Ashton, McEl-hinney.

MORWELL FALCONS 5 PORT MELBOURNE 1 (Lazaridis)

PORT MELBOURNE: Karamoussis, Triandafidis, Paganis, N. Trykios (91, 75th, sub Vassilakis), Loukas, O'Toole, Kokoris, Lampropoulos, Tsilopoulos, Papastergiadis (Lazaridis), Lazaridis.

BEST PLAYERS: Karamoussis, N. Trykios, Tsilopoulos, Lazaridis.

DIVISION THREE

PRAHRAN CITY 0 v. FRANKSTON PINES 2

SCORERS: Murray, Dobbing.

PRAHRAN: Godwin, Jackson, Le-zariv, Henderson, Ford, Smith, McCal-lum, Ryan, Douglas, Treacy, Towers, Sow-ley, Res, Pearce, De Cetti, Ellis.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury, Thomas, Ferris, Paulding, Mitchell, Dobbing, Cameron, Murray, Malcolm, Cairns, Watson, Res, Bennett, Golby, Francis.

BEST PLAYERS: Prahran: McCal-lum. Frankston Pines: Stutchbury.

ELTHAM 2 v. YALLOURN 1

SCORERS: Eltham: Norton (43 min), Sampsonis (70 min), Yallourn: Stans-bury (79 min).

DIVISION FOUR

MOORABBIN 2 v. NUNAWADING CITY 2

SCORERS: Moorabbin: Dave Owen, Coleman. Kelly, Nunawading: Philip Mullett, Chris Middlemist.

MOORABBIN: Parton, Watling, Dear-mor, Rosa, C. Senese, Morgan, Gregory, Wallace, Owen, G. Senese, Kelly, Dar-low, Crawford.

NUNAWADING: Findlay, Deane, Dia-mond, K. Middlemist, Long, Minton, C. Middlemist, Mullett, Berardin, Foulak-iz, Moyle, A. Middlemist, Baker.

BEST PLAYERS: Moorabbin: Rosa, Mar-gari, Owen, G. Senese. Nunawading: City: K. Middlemist, Berardin, Foulak-iz.

BRIGHTON 1 v. MOOROLBARK 1

SCORERS: Brighton: Bakewell 64 min, Moorolbark: Milne 81 min.

BRIGHTON: Jaccovelli, Whelan, Moyle, Arand, Fulton, Pye, Scott, Murphy, Wally Chadwick, Bakewell.

MOOROLBARK: Brown, Murray, Van Leuven, Pappas, Luke, Smith, Shed-den, Kios, Hestel, Phillips, Milne.

BEST PLAYERS: Brighton: Wally, Pye, Chadwick, Bakewell, Moorolbark: Brown, Van Leuven, Murray, Milne, Shedden.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

GREENSBOROUGH 0 SUNBURY UTD. 2

SCORERS: Reid, D. Stokes.

Selections for round three

Craig MacKenzie's Selections:

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 Saturday: Northcote City v ALBION ROVERS, Altona Gate v DOVETON, RINGWOOD CITY v Box Hill, Sunday: Springvale City v KEILOR, Dandenong City v Moreland (draw), MARIBYRNONG v Richmond.

DIVISION III Saturday: Port Melbourne v Waverley City (draw), Melbourne v MORWELL FALCONS, Knox City v Heidelberg United (draw), FOOTSCRAY v Ardeer, PARK RANGERS v South Melbourne, ROSEBUD v Bol Park.

DIVISION III Saturday: FRANKSTON PINES v Heidelberg, St. Albans v Prahran City (draw), RINGWOOD UNITED v Ferntree Gully, FAWKNER v Broadmeadows, YALLOURN v Chelsea, ELTHAM v Coburg.

DIVISION IV Saturday: MORNINGTON v Keysborough, Caulfield City v SANDRINGHAM CITY, Mooroolbark v WERRIBEE, CORIO v Brighton, NUNAWADING CITY v Nth. Dandenong, Moorabbin City v MONASH UNIVERSITY.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE Saturday: DIVISION I GEELONG v Clayton, SUNBURY UNITED v Hotham United, ROYAL PARK v Greensborough, ROSEBUD v Maitland, Essendon City v HAMLYN RANGERS, SOUTH OAKLEIGH v South Yarra.

DIVISION II Hawthorn Citizens v CENTRAL ALTONA, Langwarrin v BALLARAT, EAST BRUNSWICK v Nunawading United, Bye v Karingal United, Carlton v HAWKSBURN, THOMASTOWN v University of Melbourne.

DIVISION III Rosanna v Clifton Hill (draw), Boronia v POSTEL INSTITUTE, Bulleen v BERWICK CITY, Shepparton City v MOR-DIALLOC, MOE UNITED v South Dandenong, Flagmont v NORTH GEELONG.

DIVISION IV Saturday: DIVISION I WEST MELBOURNE v Bankale, Moonee Ponds v CHELTENHAM, Monbulk v Mitcham United (draw), Yarraville v CENTRAL CITY, Burnley v Pascoe Vale (draw), Altona United v Brunswick City (draw).

DIVISION II Yarraville v NORTH SUNSHINE, HAMPTON WANDERERS v East Carlton, DIAMOND CREEK v West Brunswick, Vasey v East Brunswick, North Brunswick v Central Brunswick, Abbotsford v Noble Park, PORT UNITED v Batman United, CRANBOURNE v Murrumbidgee United, Baxter v MOS-SIEL RANGERS, WEST GEELONG v Balclutha, Parkmore v SEAFORD.

THE AMATEUR LEAGUE Sunday: CONCORD v Bundoora, MACLEOD UNITED v Chadstone, Meadow Park v MCCABBI HAKOAH, MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY AMATEUR v Lyndale United, HOSA UNITED v R.M.I.T., KOOVONG RANGERS v Bahwyn City, Latrobe University v Bye.

SOUTH LEAGUE Sunday: SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION Springvale City v BOX HILL, Brighton v DOVETON, Ferntree Gully v Bye, Knox City v FRANKSTON PINES, Nunawading City v Bye.

WESTERN DIVISION BROADMEADOWS City v Melfton, Greensborough v Bye, Moreland v Rosanna, Keilor v FAWKNER, Sunbury United v Bye.

DIVISION IV DIVISION FRANKSTON City v Croydon City, Altona City v GEORGE CROSS, Bye v Green Gully, St. Kilda Hawks-h v JUVENTUS, Waverley City v ESSENDON CROATIA.

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Cross, Zeros tops, monaro breaks ice

Sydney Olympic easily held top place on the table with a convincing 4-0 victory over Parramatta City at Garside Park.

Yards faster on the ball, Olympic completely dominated the game from the kick-off.

Midfielders Mike Cross and Jimmy Zeros opened wide gaps in the Parramatta defence and only good goalkeeping by Dennis Donovan saved Parramatta from a cricket score.

Zeros opened for Olympic in the sixth minute when he slammed in a 15-metre shot on the volley after a pass from Derek Laing.

Clive Eaton made it 2-0 in the 20th minute, smashing a rebound into the net after the goalkeeper had pushed out a shot by Andy Scott.

Scott scored the third goal for Olympic in the 55th minute from the penalty spot after he was heavily floored by a Parramatta defender.

With eleven minutes to go Olympic broke through again with a header from Scott just over the crossbar.

Monaro scored its first win of the season at the Soccer Centre when it narrowly beat Bankstown 1-0.

Monaro was a shade the better team in a scrappy affair.

The lone goal came in the 22nd minute when striker Ally Link scored with a low drive after a Bankstown defender had missed a tackle.

But Bankstown came close to levelling the score late in the minutes later when fullback Jonny Lembray missed a "sitter" from a Mark Davis cross.

Melita Eagles made hard work of defeating Ku-Ring-Gai 1-0 at Parklands Oval.

NSW Stage League

Starting brightly, Melita took the lead after four minutes when Terry Jones was put into the clear and scored with an angled shot high into the roof of the net.

John Stoddart, with his clever control and positional play, started many promising moves and, with the lively Jones always looking for goals, Melita seemed assured of a big win.

Mid-way through the first half the urgency went out of Melita's game, allowing the more experienced Ku-Ring-Gai side back into the match.

Stopper Willy Hamilton and Dick Chambers were able to stiffen the defence and Ku-Ring-Gai looked better.

Brian Taylor, in the Ku-Ring-Gai goal, had a good game and was called upon for some fine saves.

Croatia and Sutherland always provide grand final football and this match at King

Iomislav Park was no exception. Sutherland ran out the winner 2-0 but Croatia did not play badly.

Sutherland opened its account in the 44th minute when Steve Mades was on hand to put away a cross from close range.

Sutherland scored again in the 86th minute when Keith Schumann goalied from close range.

Avala continued its climb up the State League table with a 2-1 victory over Manly at Cromer Park.

Avala seemed headed for an easy win when left-winger Zac Duricic grabbed a goal in the 26th minute.

Manly reserve Joe Nawula snapped up a shock equaliser in the 61st minute.

Twelve minutes from the end Bob Ric broke the deadlock with a fine goal.

NSW STANDINGS

STATE LEAGUE:									
Sydney Olympic 4 (Scott, 2, Eaton, Zeros) Parramatta City 0 at Garside Park. Crowd: 1525.	Avala	3	1	2	8	7	7		
North Sydney 3 (Wilson, Delaney, 1) Botolph Claydon 2 (Montgomery 2) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 275.	Arncliffe	2	2	15	10	6			
Melita Eagles 1 (Jones) Ku-Ring-Gai 0 at Parklands Oval. Crowd: 1350.	N. Sydney	2	1	3	12	5			
Avala 2 (Titt, Duricic) Manly 1 (Nawula) at Cromer Park. Crowd: 461.	Croatia	1	2	3	7	9	4		
Sutherland 2 (Meades, Schumann) Croatia 0 at Tomislav Park. Crowd: 3627.	Regina	1	1	3	7	4			
Canterbury 3 (Williams, Byles, Ramiah (Auburn) 1) Ross at Arlington. Crowd: 528.	Bankstown	2	0	4	9	14			
Olympic	P. matta	1	2	3	15	4			
W	Manly	0	2	4	5	12			
D	SECOND GRADE								
L	Bankstown 1 (Rootsey) Monaro 0.								
F	Olympic 2 (Morris, Jennings) Parramatta City 0.								
A	Arncliffe 3 (Scotts 3) (Blackie, Cranny, Delfaruk) North Sydney 1 (Fraser).								
P	Kuringal 2 (Worthington 2) Melita Eagles 2 (Parker, Morrell).								
S	Manly 1 (Stuart) Avala 1 (Murphy).								
C	Croatia 1 (Rezo) Sutherland 1 (Wilson).								

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Gibson leads voting

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- MAKEDONIA v CROATIA
- 1 - Cullen (M)
 - 2 - Petrovski (M)
 - 3 - Higham (M)
 - 4 - HAKOAH v CROYDON
 - 5 - Gibson (H)
 - 6 - McCombe (C)
 - 7 - Baker (H)
 - 8 - GEORGE CROSS v FRANKSTON
 - 9 - Valli (F)
 - 10 - Wilkinson (GC)
 - 11 - Bilusic (GC)
 - 12 - ALTONA v SLAVIA
 - 13 - Lewis (A)
 - 14 - Whyte (A)
 - 15 - J. Cullen (S)
 - 16 - GREEN GULLY v SUNSHINE
 - 17 - Smart (GG)
 - 18 - Patton (GC)
 - 19 - Singleton (S)
 - 20 - JUVENTUS v W. SUBURBS
 - 21 - McGuinness (J)
 - 22 - Glykokalamos (WS)
 - 23 - Ristovski (J)
 - 24 - Progressive votes:
 - 25 - Gibson (H)
 - 26 - Cullen (M)
 - 27 - Glykokalamos (WS)
 - 28 - White (A)
 - 29 - Singleton (S), Ellis (S), Baker (H)
 - 30 - Leading goalscorers:
 - 31 - McGuinness (J)
 - 32 - Bennie (GG)
 - 33 - French, Gibson (H), Ward, McMillan (M), Pocock, D. Nelson (S), Wall (F), Gilder (C), Ristovski (J), Wylie (C), Morey (GG)

Cullen tops, Carr off



Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Makedonia took its Croatia opponents by the scruff of the neck and shook them mercilessly during 45 minutes of scintillating soccer at Connor Reserve.

Robert Cullen was the scalpel that cut the precise path through Croatia's defence and settled the argument of which side has the best attack. Hakoah continues to stride side by side with Makedonia and the acquisition of Chris Kent and Ged Bannan will keep the top of the table bristling with interest.

The Baysiders are chasing Tony Young and may have to push out one of their temporary visa players to make way for the former Manchester Utd midfielder.

Slavia continues to struggle and is not helped by the resignation of coach Harry Chalkitis.

Altona got its name on the winning list due to the triumphant return of Pete Lewis.

Every week the State League scene changes sharply and coaches and supporters alike are pulling no punches over team performances.

Just take a look at the comments below from Sunshine's Ian Petherick and Frankston's Nigel Bevis.

Steve Carr, transferred

during the week for \$6000 from Hellas, was sent off in his first game for Western Suburbs.

MAKEDONIA 2 (McMillan, Cullen). CROATIA 0.

CROATIA: Kastner 8, Short 3 (Sub. Adams H.T. 7) Kokoska 5, Gardiner 6, Blavner 4 - Klarin 5, Murphy 6, Tront 5, (Sub. Batilovic 7th) - Cumming 8, Gilder 7, Mitten 8.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 - Talney 8, Flavell 8, Higham 8, Beech 8 - Lucca 7, Faulkner 7, Petrovski 8 - Cullen 10, McMillan 8 (Sub. Leibel 8th) Ward 8.

Makedonia swept aside the Croatian challenge and firmly staked its claim for the 1980 State League Championship. Preston won this game with a display of power soccer in the first half.

This clash promised highlight the difference between the two outstanding forward lines in the State League.

It was no contest.

Preston's Robert Cullen ran riot, seemingly unmarked by Croatia's left back Ante Bilaver.

On the other side of the Preston front line Gary Ward and Ljube Petrovski gave Croatia's Steve Short a nightmare.

With both full backs badly beaten, Croatia's John Gardiner and Steve Kokoska were under tremendous pressure.

The Croatian midfield was in hiding for long periods.

The outstanding midfielder was Preston's Petrovski.

He constantly pushed forward in support of his front runners, won the ball magnificently in midfield and never stopped running.

Cullen must surely be the most in-form winger in the State League.

Len McKendry and Rudi Gutendorf would not go far wrong by studying Cullen closely.

Cullen was lucky to be only two goals down at the break, albeit that Carl Gilder missed a penalty in the 44th minute.

Makedonia was keen, sharp and effective.

Noel Mitten missed Croatia's best opportunity by opting to hit the ball with his right foot when only six yards out.

It was one of the few chances that fell Croatia's way due to a tight, organised Makedonia defence, and a lack of service from Croatian midfield.

Croatia coach John Gardiner has a problem on his hands to motivate his players for Friday's PSL clash with Heidelberg Utd.

Brian Edgley can fly to Tasmania confident in Makedonia's ability to proudly carry the mantle of Victorian soccer.

Croatia's supporters would do well to remember that this was the first competitive defeat suffered by the Essendon boys in 1980.

This is a proud record that makes a mockery of supporters' discontent with the present team.

What more can a club do but to sweep all before it, just as Essendon Croatia did in 1979?

Don't write off Croatia after one defeat!

HAKOAH 2 (Gibson, Loh). CROYDON 0.

HAKOAH: O'Hara Owens, Baker, Dosen, Rooney (sub McNeill) - G. Bannan, Gibson, Blair, Buchanan - French, Loh.

CROYDON: Edwards - Spinks, McCombe, Pongho, McKinley - Sael, (sub Doornbal H.T.) Smith, Murphy, Hobson (sub Forsyth 7th) - Brogan, Wylie.

Hakoah continued on its merry way to the top with hard-fought victory against struggling Croydon at Middle Park.

Hakoah midfielder Ian Gibson was the driving force behind a solid team performance.

Gibson scored the opening goal after a near-post corner by Bill Jordanu was flicked on by Les Owens.



Makedonia's Rob Cullen - he destroyed Croatia

Hakoah settled first and built up play well.

Ged Bannan was getting into good attacking situations and full back Sean Rooney was overlapping brilliantly.

But Hakoah target man, Graham French, was completely blanketed by Croydon's Steve McCombe and the first-half pressure by the home team was unable to penetrate the Croydon back four.

Croydon started the second half as if its life depended on it.

Hakoah was trounced in the opening 20 minutes of this half and but for tight defensive play by David Baker and Ian Gibson, who gave great support to his backline, the visitors may have reaped a just reward.

Hakoah weathered the storm and came back.

A great solo run by Mike Loh saw him outdo three defenders before putting the issue beyond doubt, in the 64th minute.

Croydon coach Norm Hobson was critical of the way his team failed to follow instructions.

"The back four ball-watch far too much and are trying to play football in dangerous positions. Consequently, we are getting caught out."

"The midfielders play too many hopeful balls and rarely build up play."

"We would have been lucky to have strung three passes together today."

"As for our front-runners, they are not making their runs late and are too easily marked."

"Bad finishing is costing us dearly."

GEORGE CROSS 0 FRANKSTON 0.

GEORGE CROSS: Graham - Coutar (sub Aquilino 8th) Selacic, Wilkinson, Dess - Hopper, Castello, Morgan - Mizzi, Vili (sub Mike 7th) Hooper.

FRANKSTON: Whitelade - Patton, Lowe, McCluskey, Valli - Buchanan, Cooper, Coulson - Wall, Adams, Young.

Both defences can take a pat on the back for displaying fine organisation and being completely in control for most of the game.

George Cross coach Archie Campbell put Damien Morgan on Frankston's Bill Buchanan and Garry Hooper on Willie Coulson.

Buchanan was kept in check for most of the match and, although Hopper battled hard against Coulson, he could not stop "Hong Kong Willie" from setting up Bruce Young a number of times.

In the first half, Young gave George Cross trouble on the wings but why he failed to heed instructions after half time is a mystery that Frankston coach Nigel Bevis would dearly love to solve.

"Young is too undisciplined," Bevis said.

"He would be better use to Frankston if he would heed instructions."

"He stayed on the wrong side of the park and wasted 20 minutes of the second half on us."

"He will have to shape up or ship out."

"What is the point of playing a potential match-winner if he does his own thing whenever it pleases him?"

At the centre of the George Cross defence, Billy Wilkinson and Lawrie Bilusic were outstanding.

ALTONA 2 (Craw, Waters) SLAVIA 1 (J. Cullen).

ALTONA: van der Poel - Lewis, Cannell, Gramsbergen, J. Little (sub Murray 6th) - Waters, Kelly, Whyte, Innes - N. Little, Craw.

SLAVIA: Pupillo - Hupt, Lawson, Bjelica, J. Cullen - Cooke, Pye, Williams - McGorlan (sub Pocock 7th), Griffith, Jurina (sub Houston H.T.).

Amos joins the Cross

George Cross has signed young Robert Amos from fourth division club Werribee.

Cross has transfer-listed goalkeeper Svez Matsson and forward Brian Thom.

The club had been in contact with former Juventus star Mick Watkins but sadly Watkins was involved in an accident in West Germany and specialist medical advice says he will not play again.

Altona showed more spirit and endeavour in this match while Slavia sank further towards the abyss of First Division football.

Peter Lewis marked his return from an abortive attempt to join Croatia by charging forward, setting up the first Altona goal, and generally causing many headaches for the Slavia side.

Lewis should wrap up the right side of the field, put it in his pocket and carry it to all the matches.

He proved his ownership time and again with surging overlaps that forced the Slavia midfield back and gave new-found confidence to his team mates.

Consequently, Altona attacked in droves throughout the first half.

In the 20th minute, Lewis overlapped on the right and crossed to Rob Craw, who got between two Slavia defenders to head home.

Just on the stroke of half time, Slavia keeper Elvio Pugliese rolled the ball to unmarked Rajko Bjelica.

As if in a trance, Bjelica dwelled on the ball long enough for Altona's George Waters to rob him and slot the ball past a helpless Pugliese.

Slavia came back after half time and Jim Williams caused problems when moved up front.

The consolation goal came after John Cullen played a pass with Williams before crashing the ball away.

However, the visitors were not fit enough to pace it out with the Altona boys and it will take a couple of weeks for the Tony Vrzina formula to show dividends.

Altona hopes that the ASF can sort out the mix-up that has delayed striker Dave Howland from Grimsby Town.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Bennie, Bennett) SUNSHINE 0.

GREEN GULLY: Danya - Bennett, Smart, Patton, Gilly - Vassallo, Moghan, Vojtek - Sagi (sub).

Bellier 86th Bennie, Morrey (sub Turner 80th).

SUNSHINE: Cortini - Singleton, Ellis, Muscat, McRobert - Laing, R. Nelson, McNally (sub Coyle 55th) - Madrinic (sub Morovic 60th), Pocock, D. Nelson.

Sunshine coach Ian Petherick had little to say about the general play in this encounter.

Petherick was disgusted with his team and he lashed out in no uncertain fashion.

"There was nothing to talk about in this match," he said.

"Ajax was a two-goal better team all day long."

"How can you expect to compete when you have only four players contributing and you have to rely on a youngster like David Singleton to set an example for the rest?"

"I'll be having a good look at some of these name players throughout the week and there could be changes before the Juventus game this weekend."

For Gully, it was another two-goal points gleaned from a team effort.

After 28 minutes, Steve Bennie headed home from a Bill Morrey cross on the right.

Two minutes before half time, Billy Vojtek, was fouled in his penalty attempt by a brilliant save from Alan Contin.

This should have given the visitors heart but the Sunshine right-back petered out 10 minutes into the second half.

Ajax looked dangerous on the break and finally struck when Gerry Bennett latched onto a through ball and calmly slotted home.

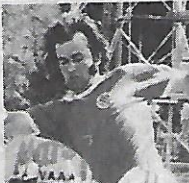
JUVENTUS 4 (McGuinness 3, Ristovski) WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Carr, Kypros, Baravelli o.g.).

JUVENTUS: Raliby - Carcio, Nelson, Baravelli, Sabadini - Heery, Sabadini, Incantupo (sub Crino 73rd) - Gilan, McGuinness, Ristovski.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitandila - Jim Damparis, Jaworski, Glykokalamos (injured, sub Matheon 76th), Daglia, Kupaz, Theodoridis, Adamagila, J. Christodoulou (sub N. Christodoulou 70th) - Carr (sent off 87th), Kypros.

Juventus should look to the heavens in praise of the creator of a wee man called Bobby McGuinness.

The Juventus back four is as safe as the Titanic and if not for McGuinness' opportunism and well-timed runs off the



Croatia's Ante Bilaver (top) and Western Suburbs \$6000 recruit Steve Carr - both were sent off on Sunday.

ball, the Brunswick Black and Whites would have sunk to the depths of the league.

West's levelled at 3-3 and Nick Christodoulou shot wide with the goal at his mercy.

Juventus is getting into cliff-hangers regularly.

Carlo Baravelli and Bruno Sabidussi seem slow in turning and are causing problems for Juve when it is on the defensive.

The inability of the Juve midfielders to support their back four is compounded when Mendo Ristovski and Tony Incantupo are recovering so poorly.

West's fared little better at the back.

If not for Mike Glykokalamos, Juve's front trio may have written their names into the record books.

West's Steve Kypros tested the cardiac capabilities of the Juve fans when he capped a fine solo effort with a goal to make it 3-3.

But up popped McGuinness to seal West's fate and Juve had got there by a whisker.

Steve Carr, signed from Hellas for \$6000, was sent off for dissent after asking the referee to blow the whistle while lying injured and bleeding on the ground after a clash.

It's French v. Kokoska

The match of the week in round seven of the 1980 State League is the clash between the clubs with the greatest depth in their playing staff, Croatia and Hakoah.

This clash should draw an enthusiastic crowd to view some of the cream of Victoria's players.

Noel Mitten, Tommy Cumming, John Gardiner, Graham French, Ian Gibson and Mike O'Hara are names that will grace Olympic Park No. 2 with talent and excitement.

Add Ged Bannan and Chris Kent and you have the recipe for an entertaining afternoon to more than match the value of the recent Croatia v. Juventus clash.

Croatia should scrape home, providing that Steve Kokoska can keep the shackles on French.

No team in the State League should live against the Croatia front trio, Cumming, Mitten and Carl Gilder.

Western Suburbs came through its testing initiation against Croatia but now faces a hardened Makedonia in another crowd-puller that should keep the fans on their toes all day.

West's sweeper Mike Glykokalamos is enjoying a new lease of life and his considerable talents will prove a difficult stumbling block for the Makedonia forwards.

Greg Daglis, West's left back, has played well against Tommy Cumming and Juve ace Mendo Ristovski, so he will be full of confidence for his tussle with Makedonia's flying winger, Robert Cullen.

Makedonia will find it hard to break through Suburbs' defensive wall and could have to settle for a draw.

At the other end of the table an interesting battle will be fought between Slavia and George Cross.

The Cross would do well not to take the struggling Slavia for granted but with its newly found confidence, the visitors, led by sweeper Billy Wilkinson, should pick up the points and ease coach Archie Campbell's troubled mind.

Juventus should prove too classy for Sunshine, Croydon should beat Altona, and the Baysiders, Frankston City, may have to be content with a point against the unpredictable Green Gully. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

SELECTIONS

• Our guest tipster this week is George Cross coach **ARCHIE CAMPBELL** (pictured). Archie's selections with likely winners in capitals:

Frankston v GREEN GULLY at Centenary Park, Sunday 3 pm.

Slavia v GEORGE CROSS at the Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROYDON v Altona at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Sunshine v JUVENTUS at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Croatia v Hakoah (draw) at Olympic Park No 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Western Suburbs v MAKEDONIA at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

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This week's hat-trick heroes:

Tony Giannopoulos, 14, five goals (Malvern City); Scott McLaren, 10, Tom Pickett, 10, (Petrobe); Chris Wakefield, 10 (Korot Rovers); Leonard Fernandez, 9, Stephen Thatcher, 9, Alex Delyannis, Murray Hodgson, 9, Geoff Tozer, 9, Mark Luca, 9, five goals (Peninsula); Con Fourkietis, 9 (Lyndale); Cameron Tidd, David Ernst, 14, six goals (Blackburn Baptist); Alan Watson, Paul Buxton, Danny Beranic, Wally Spiteri (Green Gully Ajax); Gerard McAleer, 10, four goals (Rosanna); David Stafford, 11 (Greensborough); Bobby Witkie, 14, four goals (Salisbury Utd); Colin Cooper, 11, four goals (Altona).

Pele's clinic for best boy

One boy from the Johnny Warren Soccer Academy clinics will be selected to attend the Pele coaching camp in the U.S. in June-July.

Venues for the academies are Edsack Stadium on the Central Coast, Trinity Grammar at Summer Hill, St Patrick's College, Strathfield and Marconi Stadium.

Coaches include Manfred Schaefer, Ray Richards, Les Scheinflug, Jim Adam, Bruce Stowell and prominent Marconi players. National coach Rudi Gutendorf and referee Tony Boskovic will give lectures.



Pele

es, as will Lyubo Gokovic who was the Soccerco's physiotherapist on their tour of China. More information is available on (02) 356 1766 or, for the Central Coast clinics: (043) 32 7000.

As the oldest member of the Australian youth squad — he qualifies by only 10 days — Ian Hunter is our most likely captain for the Coca-Cola world youth titles next year.

"Rudi Gutendorf has told me that he's pencilled me in for the job, but it depends on whether I hold form and whether I prove I'm good enough as a leader when we have our trial games," Hunter said this week.

Gutendorf had Hunter in the team that contested qualifying games for the last world youth titles and that won the Oceania Cup in Noumea.

He will study Hunter again in the national youth championships in Canberra next month. After the championships, Gutendorf will name his youth squad for a world tour in late 1980 and for the world championships next year.

He probably also will name the captain.

Hunter certainly has the right attitude for the job — realistic but also quietly confident.

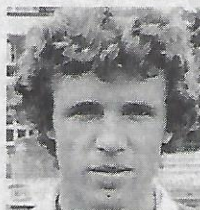
"Of course it will be very hard for us in the championships, and our progress depends very much on which teams we draw in our group," he says.

"But I think that Australian players at this age have as much talent as those in other countries and it's up to us to prove it. We can get some really good results, we can get into the semi-finals with the right application."

Ian Hunter, 18, is in his first Philips League season, with newly-promoted Blacktown City.

He started playing soccer when he was five years old, with his local club, Blue Mountains.

After playing from under 6 to under 9 age groups, he moved to Penrith RSL where he played from under 10 to under 15. Penrith reached the finals of the State championships for five consecutive years, winning two and losing three.



Ian Hunter

ing to build impressive reputations in the Philips League," Hunter remembers.

Hunter switched to Blacktown last year on a free transfer from Nepean, as he had been on amateur forms.

However, in his first three months there, he was able to train with the team only four times due to national team commitments.

"When it came to the start of the Philips League, I didn't know the other players nor the way the team was playing, so coach Mick Jones and I felt it

would be better for me to stand out for the first few games," Hunter says.

After coming into the side, Hunter scored his first PSL goal in Blacktown's 2-4 loss to West Adelaide.

He's enjoying it at Blacktown, even though the team is being regularly hammered.

"I'm getting valuable experience and I'm learning all the time from experienced players like Bruce Stowell, Dave Harding and George Harris. They're a great bunch of guys."

Hunter says international competition has made him work harder at perfecting his skills. "I've spent extra training sessions working at the skills, because they are essential if you hope to do well at the top level. That's what we all found in Paraguay. If you couldn't control the ball properly against skilful players like the Paraguayans or Israelis, they'd take it off you in a flash."

Coach Gutendorf described Hunter as the "Find" of the

Oceania Cup tournament, but Hunter doesn't see it that way.

"It wasn't just me," he says. "It was the culmination of the efforts of a group of players who had come together more than a year earlier."

"And I owe so much to the other players for whatever success I had there. They gave me the right service, which every forward needs."

Hunter has a high opinion of Rudi Gutendorf. "He's given all of us younger players a big push. Almost all of us now play regularly in the PS�, something for which Rudi is directly responsible."

Hunter is confident not only of a bright future for the Australian youth team but also that Blacktown will lift itself off the floor.

"The team is starting to work well together, so it's only a matter of time before we start winning regularly," he said. As for his future, Hunter aims to get into club management. To this end, he will start a club management course at the College of Hotel and Catering Studies at Ryde next month.

Learn to be positive

To continue last week's column on "positive reinforcement" let me explain just what I mean.

Positive reinforcement is a method any player can use to improve his attitude, self-confidence and performance and feeling about himself.

When a player passes a ball accurately to a team mate, controls a ball well, beats an opponent, scores or makes a great save all of this is positive reinforcement. Anything a player does well is a positive, which helps reinforce his attitude about himself.

Do as many positives as you can... follow a positive with a positive and the more positives you achieve, the better you will feel about yourself and the way you play.

If a forward attacks a defender, beats him and scores, the defender MUST ask him-



LEIF JENSEN

sell, "what happened? how can I do better next time?" This way of thinking eliminates self-pity and guilt feelings. If a player feels depressed, he MUST decide for himself to do better.

However you must keep in mind not only what you need to improve but also what you are good at.

A player's ability to handle different situations is of course vital.

You have to deal with the reality of the game, deal with your abilities, what skill level you're at, your soccer intellectual level. You have to take all these different aspects

into account and process all the facts. Then you have to make a decision on what to do and how to play.

As a coach always be looking for new ideas which might help you play a better game. Learning is an ever-continuing process. Every game and every situation is a learning experience. There are always so many new things to learn.

Watching and listening to other players helps you increase your soccer knowledge. With the help of your coach you can adapt their good points (like skill techniques or playing style) and learn to avoid their negative points.

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From left, standing, Alan Kerr (from Croatia Perth, 1977), Noel Mitten (1980 from Frankston City), John Gardiner (player-coach, ex-5th Melb. Hellas and George Cross, rejoined 1978), Steve Short (1975 from Slavia), Peter Blaby (1979 from Heidelberg Utd), Carl Gilder (1979 from Slavia), Steve Kokoska (1977 from Sunshine City), Chris Kovac (1980 from Frankston) Ivan Isak (from junior), Ned Batilana (from junior), Front: Keith Adams (1979 from Ryegood City), John Kerr (1977 from Ryegood Utd., Scotland), Tommy Cumming (1979 from Sunshine City), Ante Blazer (1974 from Nakhondor), Shepparton, Collins (1978 from St Albans), Joe Trent (1980 from Rock), Howard Andrews (1977 from 8th Melb Hellas). Picture by LES SHOR-ROCK.

• Essendon Croatia, Victoria's reigning State League champion, was born out of a series of

amalgamations and takeovers dating back 20 years. In 1960, committeemen of the then Croatia club took over Preston and renamed it Croat. Three years later Croat and Croatia amalgamated. Croatia won the 1968 State League championship but was expelled from the VFL in 1972. In 1978, Croatians took over Lions, who had amalgamated with Hakoah in 1958. After the takeover, the club included Billy Voljak, Alfred Glaser, Bill McIntyre, Frank Rod, Bill McDermid, Hammy McMechan, Bobby McLachlan, Jim Kondaric, Brian Adams, Jimmy Mackay, Duncan McKay, Mike Kovack, Horst Rau and Hugh Gunn. Of today's squad, Tommy Cumming plays regularly for Australia and Mitten, Gardiner, Short, Gilder, Kokoska, Cumming and Trent play for Victoria. Croatia won the State League championship in 1978 and 79, Ampol Cup 1977 and 80, Armstrong Cup 1977, Dockett Cup 1979 and State League Cup 1979.

Clubs throughout Australia, in all divisions, are invited to participate in our new "Club Close-up" feature.

Clubs will be spotlighted in full-page team pictures like the one on this page. They will serve as pin-up posters for fans and players alike.

Any club that wants to be featured is in-

vited to send us a quality photo of its senior squad. We also request names of players and their previous clubs and a brief two-or three line club history. Photos should be black and white.

Photo and information should be sent to "Club Close-up", "Soccer Action," 280 Spencer Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Philips League Club Directory

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COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington
(08) 332 5614 - 332 5618

COLOURS: Black & White.

SPONSORS: United Brokers

PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v ENFIELD VICTORIA at Olympic Sports Field / Adelaide / Friday 2.45 pm.
This week's match: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at International Sports Centre / Newcastle / Sunday 2.30 pm.



LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 2040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: W. Wallace

GROUND: Lambert Park
Phone 569 6845 (Match days)

Promotion Officer: T. Raciti. Phone 82 0187

Colours: Maroon, Sky Blue



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v IPSWICH UNITED at Edon Vale (Ipswich) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v SYDNEY CITY at E.S. Marks Field (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

BLACKTOWN CITY S.C.

62 Seven Hills Road North, Seven Hills 2147. Phone 624 3344

SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (Ph) as above.

COACH: M. Jones

GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

COLOURS: white, red black trim,
black, red white trim
black red white



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v SUTHERLAND at Gabbie Stadium (Sydney) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v BRISBANE LIONS at Lions Stadium (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saffich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne

SPONSOR: STOCK 84 BRANDY



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v MT. GRAVATT at Perry Park (Brisbane) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v WEST ADELAIDE at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310, DARRA QLD 4076

SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk

COACH: M. Carson

GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd, Richlands,
07 (phone) 372 2989

Colours Orange and Blue



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v GRANGE THISTLE at Lions Stadium (Brisbane) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v BLACKTOWN CITY at Lions Stadium (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: Max Talbot (W) 48 8917 (A.H.) 88 5078.

COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR:

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PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v CROATIA DEAKIN at Bruce Stadium / Canberra / Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v SOUTH MELBOURNE at Middle Park / Melbourne / Sunday 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACHES: J. Rooney & P. Bannon

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.
(03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold

COACHES: J. Rooney & P. Bannon



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v ESSENDON CROATIA at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v FOOTSCRAY at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: R. Ille

GROUND: Western Oval, Barkly St, Footscray

COLOURS: Blue White Red.



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v GREEN GULLY AJAX at Middle Park (Melbourne) Friday 1.15 pm.
This week's match: v HEIDELBERG UNITED at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

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COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
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PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v EDGEWORTH EAGLES at McLaughlin Park - Newcastle / Friday 2.30 pm.
This week's match: v ADELAIDE CITY at International Sports Centre / Newcastle / Sunday 2.30 pm.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: M. Urukalo - (02) 604 5095 or 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.



PHILIPS CUP MATCHES: v MELITA EAGLES at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v ST GEORGE at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

GENERAL SECRETARY: J. Karvess 534 5048
& 534 5462
(Restaurant) 534 4141

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v FRANKSTON at Middle Park / Melbourne / Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at Middle Park / Melbourne / Sunday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

Colours: Red, White & Green



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v INTER MONARO at St. George Stadium (Sydney) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v MARCONI-FAIRFIELD at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: P. Russell (phone) 02 30 3344

COACH: E. Thomson

GROUND: E. S. Marks Field

Colours: Sky Blue White Hoops, White Shorts,
Red Socks



PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v SYDNEY CROATIA at E.S. Mark's Field (Sydney) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v LEICHHARDT at E. S. Mark's Field (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 51 6686.

COACH: G. Chaldi

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

COLOURS: Blue white stripes - Blue Shorts

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PHILIPS CUP MATCH: v SPEARWOOD DALMATINAC at Dalmatinac Park (Perth) Friday 3 pm.
This week's match: v BRISBANE CITY at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.